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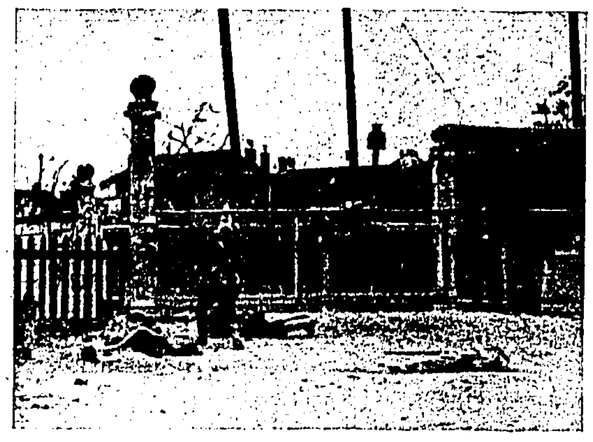
DAY OF JAPAN'S GREAT OFFENSIVE AT HAND.



Our photo shows a railway crossing near the North Station, scene of the heaviest fighting. A Japanese marine is going to the assistance of a fallen comrade, apprehensive of fire from Chinese along the road going off from the left.

TREMENDOUS ACTIVITY IN BATTLE AREAS.

INTENSIVE PREPARATIONS BEHIND SCREEN OF SENTRIES.

MILITARY BRAIN DIRECTING CHINESE DEFENCES.

FAMOUS GERMAN WIRE SYSTEM.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT).

SHANGHAI, Feb. 16, 10 a.m.

THE DAY OF THE JAPANESE GENERAL OFFENSIVE ON THE CHAPEI AND KIANGWAN FRONTS IS UNDOUBTEDLY AT HAND.

Preparations for a great drive are proceeding within and behind the Japanese lines, the utmost secrecy being observed. Neither foreigners nor Chinese are permitted anywhere near the Japanese sphere of operations, but the feverish activity on the landing of fresh forces, their quick despatch to the scene of impending hostilities, give an inkling as to the weight of the blow it is intended to launch.

In their turn, the Nineteenth Route Army, which is being heavily reinforced, fresh troops and guns having arrived from Nanking, is preparing to put up stubborn defence, and the nature of their defensive preparations indicates that there is a sound military brain directing the defence scheme.

A whole series of lines, strongly sandbagged trenches and barricades, have been constructed, every obstacle to infantry in the way of barbed wire entanglements will be presented to the Japanese attacks, their most serious test being an amazing network of *stacheldrat*, which increases the belief that the Chinese Command have the assistance of German military experts.

SCREEN OF SENTRIES.

There is clearly no prospect of the Chinese forces withdrawing voluntarily and in fact the Japanese have always proceeded on the assumption that the big drive would necessary.

In the direction of Kiangwan and throughout the whole of the Yangtszepoo district, there is tremendous Japanese activity, veiled by a screen of sentries, who have strict orders that not a single observer is to be permitted to pass into the area of war preparations.

PASSES IGNORED.

Passes, no matter by whom they are signed, are simply ignored. No-one is allowed to pass.

As fast as they are coming in, the Japanese troops are being placed in position, awaiting the order to attack.

Chapei and the North Station districts were comparatively quiet this morning, and both sides are more concerned with getting everything in readiness for the real showdown than with any slight damage that can be inflicted now.

The Chinese have strung the famous *stacheldrat* in hundreds and hundreds of rows, all the way from Jukong Road to the blockhouse on Honan Road.

These "tanglefoots" are strung in and out from posts in the middle sections, supported by chairs, tables and other suitable barriers.

Such a defence barrier is absolutely impregnable. Infantry wire-cutters are helpless against it. And an infantry attack would just lead to appalling losses unless the *stacheldrat* was first removed.

PAOSHAN NEEDS.

Only by a terrific bombardment, sufficient to blow it to pieces, accompanied by tank action, is likely to make possible an advance on or across Paoshan by the Japanese possible.

Investigations reveal that the Chinese positions at the North Station and the north sector of the line as far as the Kiangwan racecourse, behind the railroad, have been heavily reinforced, and tremendous preparations for the defensive are in progress.

The order is that the Chinese forces are to resist to the last man.

THE NIGHT STRAFE.

Shanghai, Feb. 16, 10.27 a.m.

All night long, the Japanese artillery at Hongkew Park and other places of vantage, bombarded the Chinese lines, the Chinese replying at times.

This morning, however, there was a further lull.

Further Japanese troops are expected to-day bringing the total up to 30,000, with the bluejackets and the marines already ashore. It is understood that the newly arrived troops are preparing to enter the Chapei lines as soon as possible, in order to relieve the marines and bluejackets, who have been on duty continuously for more than a fortnight.

It is learned that the Japanese have now landed sixteen tanks, ten of the large variety and six of the "whippet" type, all equipped with quick-firing light ordnance.—*Reuter.*

Photo shows an officer directing blue jackets during the recent operations in Chapei. After a fortnight's constant duty, they are being taken out of the line.

MILL-HANDS INVADE OFFICE OF CITIZEN'S COMMITTEE.

POLICE RUSHED TO SCENE.

TROUBLE FEARED.

(Our Own Correspondent).

Shanghai, Feb. 16, 10 a.m.

Apprehension that the influx of refugees and the widespread unemployment among the Chinese will lead to serious internal complications in the Settlement, were nearly realised yesterday.

Approximately one thousand unemployed mill-hands, it is believed, invaded the offices of the Citizens' Emergency Committee, on Szechuan Road, yesterday afternoon and demanded relief in the form of money and food supplies.

REFUSE TO LEAVE.

The invaders took possession of the building, paying no regard to the persuasive efforts of the officials, and refused to leave until monetary assistance was forthcoming

The police were sent for urgently and a large squad was rushed to the building from the Central Police Station.

RIOT THREAT.

The unemployed continued to issue threats after the police arrived, declaring that they would return and wreck the Committee's offices unless a scheme was devised for affording assistance to the distressed workmen and their families.

Eventually they were prevailed upon by the police and members of the Bureau of Social Affairs who happened to be present to retire without causing a serious disturbance.

It was not necessary for the police to employ force to disperse the demonstrators.

Although the matter passed off quietly, however, the incident is giving rise to considerable anxiety. This is the second attempt by the unemployed mill hands to obtain relief by demonstration in the course of a week.

CHINA WINS OUT AT GENEVA.

THE ASSEMBLY TO MEET.

AN INEVITABLE OUTCOME.

Geneva, Feb. 15.

A special meeting of the League Assembly, called on the demand of Mr. W. W. Yen, the Chinese delegate to the League of Nations, is now regarded as inevitable.

There is, of course, no foundation for the suggestion that it will be necessary to postpone the Disarmament Conference during the session of the Assembly as there will be no difficulty in holding plenary sessions of both the Disarmament Conference and the Assembly at the same time.

American quarters flatly deny the rumour that the United States will participate in the meeting of the League Assembly.

The Council of twelve met this afternoon and will probably meet again to-morrow morning.—*Reuter.*

AN APOLOGY TO AMERICA.

MANHANDLING OF MRS. YOUNG.

(Our Own Correspondent).

Shanghai, Feb. 16, 10.00 a.m.

It is understood that the Japanese Consul-General has tendered apologies to Mr. Cunningham for the manhandling by Japanese ronins of the American Consul, Mr. Arthur Ringwalt, and Mrs. Young.

Mrs. Young's seven-year-old daughter, Peggy, is said to be still in her mother's house, which is near the Japanese lines.

SHANGHAI "WAR" COSTS.

LAKH OF TAELS FOR VOLUNTEERS.

(Our Own Correspondent).

Shanghai, Feb. 16.

It is revealed that the existence of a State of Emergency is costing the ratepayers of the International Settlement approximately one hundred thousand taels weekly.

The majority of this sum is taken up by the cost of mobilising and feeding the Shanghai Volunteer Corps.

NEXT FEW DAYS WILL DECIDE.

MORE JAPANESE TROOPS MAY BE SENT.

Tokyo, Feb. 16.

The Minister for War, meeting members of the Press late last night, indicated that the despatch of further military reinforcements to Shanghai might be necessitated as it had been reported that the Nineteenth Route Army was being strongly reinforced and preparing a stubborn resistance.

The War Minister, who subsequently saw Mr. Yoshizawa, the Foreign Minister, intimated to the Press that the developments of the next few days would decide whether further reinforcements were necessary.—*Reuter.*

6,000 LANDED DURING YESTERDAY.

MORE MEN ARRIVING TO-DAY.

(Our Own Correspondent).

Shanghai, Feb. 16.

The Japanese transports which

(Continued on Page 7.)

Japanese marines bringing fairly heavy guns into action on the Chapei lines from Hongkew Park.

POOR FISH.

RESTRICTION OF IMPORTS.

NEW FOOD TAX, IN OTHER WORDS.

London, Feb. 15.

Exceptional interest was displayed in the House of Commons, during the debate on the Imports Duties Bill, which, with the proposals for dealing with agriculture outlined last week, constitutes the main part of the Government's scheme for meeting the national emergency.

Major Elliot, Financial Secretary, moving the second reading, said the Government sought by this measure to correct the balance of payments, to check the depreciation of the pound, to secure the freedom of trade by offering advantages to other countries in return for advantages they might give to Britain, to have an instrument to meet discrimination against Britain, to encourage the British people to secure a reasonable share of their markets, and to fortify the finances of the country by a not unduly high, but widely spread revenue duty.

Fish Duty.

The proposals in the report of the sub-committee of Civil Research, appointed to investigate the fishing industry, include a recommendation that the question of imposing restrictions on the importation of white fish, of which some three million pounds' worth are imported annually, should be considered by the Government in connexion with any steps taken to improve the balance of trade.—*British Wireless.*

BIG SOVIET OIL PROJECT.

305-MILE PIPELINE COMPLETED.

(Reuter's Special Service).

Moscow, Feb. 15.

It is announced that the three hundred and five miles long pipeline, which is to be employed for the purpose of pumping kerosene from Armvir to the Ukraine, has been completed.

The pipeline cost more than two million pounds sterling to construct. The work was carried out with remarkable expedition, being completed in ten months.

ANGLO-AMERICAN DISCUSSION.

IN CLOSE TOUCH ON FAR EAST ISSUES.

Washington, Feb. 15.

It is noteworthy that the British Ambassador, Sir Ronald Lindsay, called at the State Department to-day and exchanged news of developments in the Far East with several officials.—*Reuter's American Service.*

AMAZING REPAIR FEAT BY N. Z. AVIATOR.

DANGLING FROM A STRAP.

UPSIDE DOWN IN RAINSTORM.

(Reuter's Special Service).

Wellington, N. Z. Feb. 15.

The annals of aviation carry few records of feats more remarkable than that accomplished by a noted New Zealand air-pilot to-day.

Hanging with his head downward for over an hour, while one of his passengers was clinging to a strap lashed to his heels and a fellow-pilot was heading his machine through a driving rainstorm, an airman named Blackmore successfully completed amazing aerial repairs.

Blackmore, with his colleagues, was participating in mass formation flying over New Plymouth and when attempting to land bumped heavily.

WHEEL-BOLT BREAKS.

The shock caused one of the bolts on the landing wheels to break and, immediately realising the peril of alighting, the practical certainty of a smash, Blackmore opened the throttle and re-ascended again, shouting "I am off to Hamilton."

In the course of the flight to Hamilton, where Blackmore's home aerodrome was situated, he carried out repairs to the damaged wheel in mid-air, and landed safely.

He was hanging upside down for over an hour, with a slender strap taking his full weight!

HONGKONG DOLLAR IMPROVES.

RISE OF FARTHING TO-DAY.

With silver up both in London and New York, the Hongkong dollar appreciated a farthing to-day, the demand rate being 1s. 5.7/16d. Business has been done at 1s. 5.15/16d. for March, but the market continues largely lifeless, as it also does in Shanghai.

London reported an advance of 1/8th ready and 3/16ths forward, the rise being chiefly due to a little speculative buying. There were small offerings, and after the official fixing there were no special features, the market being quietly steady.

A rise of 1/8th is reported from New York, where the market is firm.

The cross-rate has advanced to 3.45¾.

Shortly after 11 o'clock last night, a Chinese passenger jumped from the launch Man Cheung, while the ferry was crossing the harbour. He was rescued and taken ashore to the Government Civil Hospital.

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UNIVERSITY DEBATE.

SHOULD NATIVE DOCTORS BE ABOLISHED?

A most interesting debate between the Education Society and the Medical Society of the Hongkong University was held in the Union Assembly Hall last night, the subject being "That native doctors should be replaced by western trained practitioners." Messrs. Yeoh Guan-eng and Tan Hee-choo, were proposer and seconder respectively, while Mr. Chon Koxik was ably assisted by Miss K. Lai as the opposition. The chair was occupied by Mr. Li Ka-tung, of the Education Society.

In introducing the speakers, the Chairman pointed out that the subject was of special interest not only to medical practitioners and those who were undergoing Western training at the University, but also to those who were sick and in ill-health.

Mr. Eng said that the question of native doctors came into prominence because of the superiority of the western trained practitioners. Some time ago attempts were made by the National Government to legalise the native doctors, by making them undergo an examination before they were allowed to commence practice, but nothing has yet materialised.

Special Training.

He contended that the western trained practitioner was better than the native doctor, not only because he was in possession of his diplomas, but also because he had a systematic training, was trustworthy, and observed a strict medical etiquette, especially in relation to the Drug Act; and he underwent a system of training that took six years to complete.

On the other hand, any unqualified person could read a few books, and after a while hang out a sign and call himself a doctor. No such things as X-rays, chloroform, or ether were known to native doctors. They did not believe in the presence of germs, but ascribed all diseases to heat, cold and wind.

The Other Side.

Mr. Koxik, in reply, pointed out that it would be impossible to discuss such a subject without going into the native system, which was based on over 5,000 years' experience, an experience of trial and error. No native doctor could continue his practice if he killed one or two of his patients, and he contended that the native system had stood the test of time. The western viewpoint was always associated with bacteria, while the native's was something akin to philosophy.

Mr. Choo ably seconded the proposal, and stressed reasons for the abolition of native doctors.

Miss Lai pointed out the speaker's for the proposal had not mentioned the innumerable cases where diseases, incurable according to western standards, had been cured by native doctors, and said that if the native doctors were replaced by western practitioners, no-one would make a study of the valuable medicinal contributions the former have made, which would eventually be lost to the world.

Several other members of the society entered the discussion, including Professor W. J. Gerrard, who said, in reply to a statement by the last speaker, that western practitioners would be only too glad to utilise the native herbal medicines, if they were found beneficial. He instanced several cases of a disease that was uncurable by western practitioners and he had repeatedly made efforts to obtain a certain native herb, which was said to be a cure. However, none had so far been forthcoming and he could only assume that the native doctors did not trust their cures.

After several other speakers had offered their quota to the debate, which proved most interesting throughout, a vote was put to the meeting, and by a narrow margin a negative vote was recorded, 42 voting for, and 43 against, the proposal.

NO COMPLAINTS.

CHARGES OF LARCENY NOT SUBSTANTIATED.

In the absence of complainants in respect of a quantity of cotton yarn which was found on board a sampan anchored off the praya wall recently, four Chinese who appeared before Mr. Wynne Jones at the Central Police Court yesterday were all acquitted.

Mr. A. Covey represented the first two defendants while Mr. H. L. Dennys appeared for the third. The fourth was not represented.

At the outset Detective Sergeant Johnson, who prosecuted said, that he had been instructed to withdraw the charge against the fourth defendant, as it was proposed to call him as a witness for the Crown, but he would like to mention that the Police had not been able to trace the owners of the yarn, although in the charge the China Navigation Company were stated to be the complainants.

In reply to his Worship the officer said that he did not propose to withdraw against the other three defendants but asked his Worship to discharge them.

All defendants were accordingly discharged.

NEW ZEALAND.

THE WONDERLAND OF THE SOUTH PACIFIC.

There will be an opportunity of seeing world famed scenes of New Zealand at the Peninsula Hotel Roof Garden at 9.30 p.m. next Sunday evening, the 21st. New Zealand is the Wonderland of the Pacific, and has been described as "the Sample-room of Nature, for this fortunate country (the remnant of a vast continent) has a comprehensive exhibition of all the best kinds of scenery that a world traveller could wish to see as a compensation for going so far afield from more populous countries.

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The price of admission is $1.50 and the proceeds will be devoted to the Society of the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, and Ministering Children's League. The Films have been kindly lent by Miss C. Crichton Imrie.

OBITUARY.

MR. HU HAN-MIN'S BROTHER.

The death of Mr. Hu Ching-shui, the only brother of Mr. Hu Han-min, the Kuomintang Rightist leader now on retirement in Hongkong, occurred on Sunday at his residence in Robinson Road. The late Mr. Hu Ching-shui is survived by his wife, five sons and four daughters. His eldest son, Mr. Hu Hang-shing, is an official serving in the Canton Government.

A native of Kwangtung, Mr. Hu Ching-shui was a well known Chinese scholar in his younger days and at various times he served the Canton Government in association with his younger brother, Mr. Hu Han-min. The deceased had been in indifferent health for some years and on account of this had been on retirement in Hongkong. He was a firm believer in Buddhism.

WATERLOO BRIDGE.

TO HAVE SIX LINES OF TRAFFIC.

London, Feb. 15.

The London County Council will to-morrow consider the recommendation of its Improvements Committee favouring replacement of Waterloo Bridge by a new bridge at a cost of £1,295,000, with six lines of traffic.—*British Wireless.*

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PEAK ROAD THEFT.

YOUNG CHINESE SENTENCED FOR LARCENY.

Property belonging to Mr. W. L. Marshall, of the Standard Oil Company of New York, was alleged to have been stolen from 18, Peak Road, the residence of Mr. H. H. Petherick, by a young Chinese who appeared before Mr. Wynne Jones at the Central Police Court yesterday.

The defendant denied the charge.

Detective Sergeant D. Fitches stated that on Saturday afternoon at about 1 o'clock the defendant was seen on the drying roof of 18, Peak Road. He had an overcoat and a suit of clothing in his hands, having removed them from a line on the roof. The house coolie who saw the defendant chased him, the accused jumping from the roof, a height of 15 feet before being caught by the cook on the ground floor.

The defendant's story was that he had asked an amah whether a certain man lived on the premises and was directed to the first floor where he would find his friend.

After Mr. Petherick identified the property as that of Mr. Marshall who was now in Manila, a wash amah gave evidence denying that she had ever seen the defendant on Saturday. She denied that she had told him his friend was on the first floor of the house.

Sentence of three months' hard labour was passed.

AN AMBULANCE DRIVER FINED.

CONVICTED OF DANGEROUS DRIVING.

The case in which a motor-ambulance driver attached to the Fire Brigade was summoned for dangerous driving in Stubbs Road in December last was concluded before Mr. Schofield at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon.

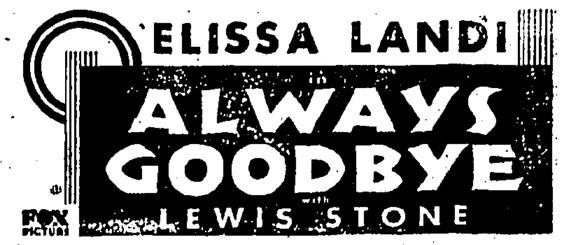
Mrs. J. W. Franks, wife of the Superintendent of Prisons, the complainant in the proceedings, had stated that she was entering the junction of Chamberlain Road when the ambulance drove into it from the other entrance. A collision between the ricksha in which she was travelling with her infant child and the bigger vehicle was narrowly averted when the ambulance swerved round the corner.

Yesterday afternoon, after a visit to the scene, Mr. Horace Lo, on behalf of the defendant, made his final submissions.

He argued that ten miles an hour, at which rate he said, the ambulance was travelling, was merely a "crawl" for such a vehicle. He suggested that in the slower vehicle, Mrs. Franks might have been unduly alarmed at the sight of the bigger vehicle seemingly bearing down on her.

His Worship, however, disagreed. He thought that the ambulance should have slowed down on seeing the ricksha. It was dangerous driving, but in view of the extenuating circumstances, the fine would be $10.

NEXT CHANGE AT THE KING'S



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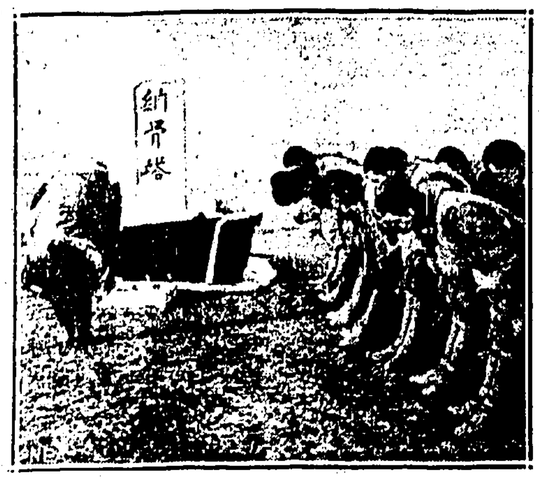
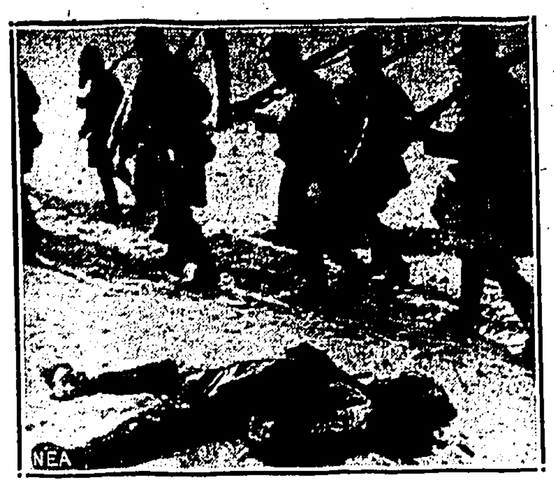


BOWED IN PRAYER for a fallen comrade, Japanese soldiers are shown above beside a temporary tomb erected on the lonely Manchurian plains.

CHARGING ACROSS SNOW-COVERED PLAINS in Manchuria, Japanese troops are strikingly pictured here as they advanced on the run against the Chinese at Harbin. Note the bleak terrain, typical of territory throughout the war zone.

Aeroplane are playing as important a part in Japanese operations in Manchuria as they are in Shanghai.

Japanese troops in Manchuria are fighting cold as well as bandits. This picture shows part of the early morning routine at Mukden with the men boiling water to be used in starting the motors of their planes. Some of the bombers now being operated in the sub-zero weather are visible at upper left.



Here is a grim epitome of military activities in Manchuria. Japanese infantrymen, advancing through the snow, only glance at the body of a slain Chinese bandit chieftain as they press forward in pursuit of other irregulars operating along the South Manchurian railway.

THREE KINDS of LOVE

by KAY CLEAVER STRAHAN

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BEGIN HERE TODAY

Anne, Cecily and Mary-Frances Fenwick live with their grandparents, once wealthy, now so impoverished that Anne's and Cecily's earnings support the household. The sisters have been orphaned since childhood. The grandparents are known respectively as "Rosalie" and "Grand" and they insist on keeping up pretences of their former wealth.

Anne, 28, and Cecily, 22, do secretarial work and Mary-Frances, 15, is still in school. When the story opens Anne has been engaged to Philip Ezroyd, young lawyer, for eight years.

Cecily brings Barry McKeel home to dinner. It is evident that she is falling in love with him. Mary-Frances has a telephone call from her friend, Ermintrude, who is excited about the arrival of an actor known as Earl De Armount. The two girls make plans to meet him.

CHAPTER VI

"I am going over to stay all night with Ermintrude," Mary-France announced.

"Who said that you might?"

"Rosalie."

"After Cecily had said you might not, I suppose?"

"I asked Rosalie first."

"Did Cecily say you might take her overnight bag with you?"

"Pooh," said Mary-Frances. "What makes you so quarrelsome here lately, Ann? Cissy practically gave me this old thing the first time I asked her to borrow it."

"It isn't an old thing at all," said Ann. "It is a very handsome piece of luggage, and it was a gift to Cecily. If you use it, you must take care of it."

"Quarrelsomeness," said Mary-Frances, "is just awful. I've noticed it a lot in you lately, Ann. I'll bet Phil notices it too, and I'll bet—"

"Mary-Frances, you must stop saying 'I'll bet' all the time. I won't have it."

"Quarrelling again," deprecated Mary-Frances, and opened the front door.

"Wait," said Ann. "It is nearly nine o'clock. You can't go running around alone after dark, and you know it. Phil will be here any minute now, and we'll take you over in the car."

"'Sonly five blocks," said Mary-Frances, and edged through the door.

"Mary-Frances, come back in here and wait for Phil. You are not to go alone."

"Stop pinching my arm, Ann Fenwick. Rosalie said I could go. I'm not going to stick around here all night waiting for your old Phil, and like as not he won't be here for hours, and Ermintrude and I have to get our studying done, don't we, and—"

Ann heard a step outside. Phil was coming. She always told him that she never quarrelled with her sisters.

"Mary-Frances, honey, here's Phil now. What makes you act like this to me when you now I had a big company dinner to get and that I'm tired?"

"Angel Ann," Mary-Frances, as susceptible as a puppy, snuggled close to her, and so Philip saw them, through the open door, in loving sisterly embrace; but his "Hello, there," suggested no particular enthusiasm for the tableau.

He did not kiss Ann (she had decided that it was wiser for them not to kiss in front of Mary-Frances), but he took her hand and squeezed it before he turned to the hall rack.

* * *

Ann said, "Phil, Mary-Frances is going to spend the night with her little friend. I thought we might take her over there in your car."

"Sorry," he hung up his hat and took off his raincoat. "It's in the garage again. I'm convinced that the piston rods are clogged."

"Oh, my word! Again?" Ann frowned and shook her head.

"Should I have said 'yet'?"

Phil often was clever; but when he couldn't be clever he tried to be, anyway. That was a silly old joke. He kicked off his overshoes. He stood there, slicking his hair back when it didn't need slicking, and when he should have been interested in how Mary-Frances was going to get to Ermintrude's house.

"Well," Ann decreed, "we'll have to walk over with her, then. It is just across to the new addition. She can't go alone after dark. You'll not mind walking a few blocks with Mary-Frances and me, will you?"

"Not at all," said Phil, and began to put on his overshoes. "Delighted, of course." He stamped his feet into them. (Oh, well, if he wanted to be silly and stiff and formal like that, let him!) "Better take your umbrella. I didn't bring mine. I wore my raincoat."

The rain had stopped, so Phil carried the umbrella under his arm, and they had gone a block before he said, "I walked over here this evening."

"Walked!" Ann protested. "All the way across the river? It's miles from your place. What possessed you?"

"I felt like a walk. Needed the exercise."

"But, Phil—I shouldn't have dreamed of dragging you night out again, if I'd known. You must be very tired. Why didn't you tell me"

Ann, in the darkness, could not see his shrug; but she could hear it plainly in his voice as he answered, "Oh, well,—what's the difference? We had to bring her, didn't we?"

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Mary-Frances delivered safely into the Hills' bright front hall, Ann said again, "But, dear, I wouldn't have asked you to come over here, not for anything, if I'd known you'd walked so far."

"Not even to escort Mary-Frances"

"Phil," she questioned, "what is the matter with you lately?"

"Nothing whatever. But what is the matter with you, Ann?"

"I don't know."

"You admit that something is?"

"Well," she hesitated, "it is only, I think, that you have been acting so sort of funny lately."

"I haven't felt sorta funny," he said.

She would not answer. She had not said "sorta" like that. He was always criticizing her lately. He said that she was stubborn. She was not; but since he thought so she'd give him a reason for thinking it. She would not speak again until he spoke. He was the stubborn one, if it came to it. How could she love a man like Phil—stalking along beside her in that stupid silence, when he knew he had hurt her feelings? How could she? Perhaps she didn't. It would be easy for her to say, "Isn't it pleasant after the rain?" No, she would not. She might say, "Have you heard from your mother lately?" No, she would not.

"Mary-Frances," he said, "spends ever so many nights with that girl friend of hers, doesn't she?"

"Yes," Ann admitted reluctantly. "She does go rather often. But why?"

"It seems most unwise to me. Mother never allowed Elise to spend a night away from home until she went to Eugene to the university. During the romancing, daydreaming age it is better for them to do it alone, if they have to, than it is for them to have someone to talk it all over with—make it more real, you know."

"But Mary-Frances is only 15 years old."

"My point, exactly. It is a dangerous age. Not a woman—not a little girl. Also, unless I'm mistaken, she is badly boy-struck and at the silliest stage of it."

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Phil said, "Don't misunderstand me, dear. I do like Mary-Frances a lot. That is why—"

"No," she interrupted, "you don't like Mary-Frances, and you don't like Cecily. You don't like either one of my sisters. You never have. You don't like them a bit. You don't like any of us. You don't like me—"

He patted her on the shoulder. "Behave," he said, "You Beautiful."

It was one of the old love names. He had not called her "You Beautiful" for months, and she thought that he had forgotten it.

"Sweetheart?" she said.

He put his arms around her and kissed her. The trees there in the yard were still shaking the gathered rain from their leaves, and drops fell like big cold tears on Ann's upturned face, but she did not notice them.

"Dear, dear," she said. "I love you so. I love you so."

He kissed her again. He had not said that he loved her, and she wished to hear it, so she said for him. "And you love me. I don't see how we can quarrel when we love each other so much. Do you?"

His answer was the old complaint and apology of lovers: "Our quarrels are never with each other, dearest. They are always with externals. If we could be away alone together, all alone, you and I, we'd have such a paradise that we'd forget, even, that other people ever quarrelled."

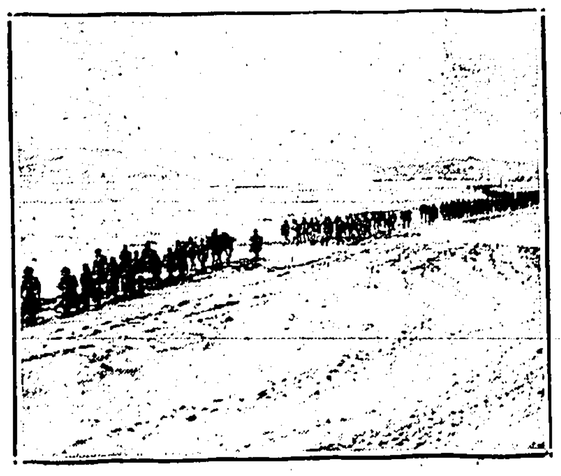
"Only," said Ann, "people so seldom are—all alone, away from everything, I mean."

He brought a handkerchief from his pocket and dried the back of his neck where the raindrops had fallen, and said as he put his arm around her and began to walk with her toward the house. "I didn't mean out of this world. I meant that we could be happy here, anywhere, if we were ever allowed to make our own world alone together."

"But," Ann questioned, "are people ever allowed to make their own worlds anywhere, Phil dear?"

"We aren't," he answered, and stopped on the porch. Ann hoped that he would kiss her again, but he did not. He repeated, "We certainly aren't," and opened the front door.

(To be Continued.)



Japanese infantry in a line that stretches miles across a frozen Manchurian plain are shown in this remarkable picture just received from that bleak theatre of war. Note the snow-covered mountains in the background. The troops were marching toward Machiachai to drive out a force of Chinese irregulars.

General Tamon.

NOTED VISITOR.

RACIAL SURVEY EXPERT IN HONGKONG.

Mr. Paul H. Stevenson, of the Department of Amatomy of the Peking Union Medical College, is passing through Hongkong on his way to Hainan Island in connexion with an anthropoligcal reconaissance of the peoples of the south-east coastal region.

This reconnaissance is part of a thorough survey of the eastern Asiatic mainland. The survey has already occupied nearly ten years and is now drawing to a conclusion.

In addition to having covered all the provinces of China proper, the survey has been carried out along both the Mongolian and Tibetan frontiers. The results of the survey will be published under the auspices of the Academia Sinica.

Mr. Stevenson initiated the survey in connexion with his studies of racial anatomy. After his visit to Hainan Island, Mr. Stevenson will return to Hongkong and then proceed northwards, visiting the principal Coast ports en route.

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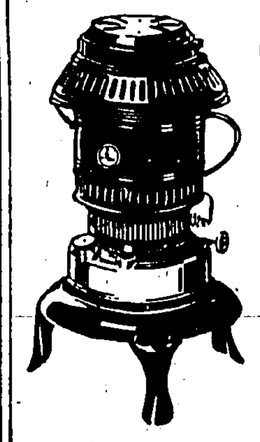

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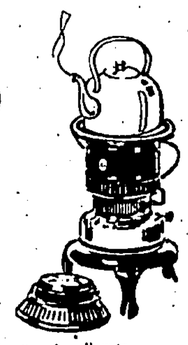

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All claims must be sent to the undersigned before the Friday, the 26th February, 1932, or they will not be recognized.—

Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the consignees, and the Company's Surveyor Messrs:—Goddard and Douglas at 10.00 a.m. on Tuesday, the 23rd February, 1932. Consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when damaged dutiable goods are examined by the Company's Surveyors.

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Notice is hereby given that the Thirty-sixth Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Shareholders in the Company will be held at the Company's Town Office, 2, Lower Albert Road, on Wednesday, 2nd March, 1932, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with statement of Accounts, declaring a Dividend and re-electing Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 22nd February to 2nd March, 1932, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

M. MANUK,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 15th February, 1932.

HONG KONG TELEPHONE COMPANY LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SEVENTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the HONG KONG TELEPHONE COMPANY LIMITED will be held on WEDNESDAY, the 9th Day of March, 1932, at the BOARD ROOM of the Company, Second Floor, Exchange Building, Hongkong at 11.00 a.m., for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Board of Directors, for the Financial Year ended 31st December, 1931, and re-electing Two Directors and the Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED From the 3rd to 9th MARCH, 1932, Both Days Inclusive.

Dated this 15th day of February, 1932.

By Order of the Board,

W. L. McKENZIE.
Secretary.
14, Des Voeux Road Central, Hongkong.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

ANNUAL RACE MEETING, 1932.
20th, 22nd, 23rd, 24th and 27th February, 1932.

On Saturday 20th, Monday 22nd, Tuesday 23rd, and Wednesday 24th February, the first bell will be rung at 11 a.m., and the first race will be run at 11.30 a.m. On Saturday, the 27th February, the first bell will be rung at 1 p.m., and the first race will be run at 1.30 p.m.

The tiffin interval will be taken after the fifth race on the first four days.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE.

Members are reminded that they and their ladies must wear their badges prominently displayed.

No one without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure.

Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at $10.00 per day including tax—or $40.00 including tax for the Meeting (ladies $5.00 and $20.00 respectively), are obtainable through the Secretary upon introduction by a Member, such Member to be responsible for all chits, etc.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the Race Course.

A limited number of Tiffins will be obtainable each day at the Club House, provided they are ordered in advance from No. 1 Boy, Telephone No. 21020.

On no pretext will children be permitted in either enclosure during the first four days of the Meeting.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is $4.00 per day including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform are admitted to the Public Enclosure at $1.00 per day including tax.

Bookmakers, Tic Tac men etc. will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of The Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting. Tiffins will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.

SERVANTS' PASSES.

Passes for Servants will be issued on application to the Secretary, 3rd Floor, Gloucester Building.

Employers are requested to distribute them with discrimination and to endorse their names on the passes.

Servants are not permitted in the Members' Enclosure except for passing through on their duties but must remain in their employers' stands.

Any persons found loitering with Servants' passes in their possession will forfeit the same and will be removed from the enclosure.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
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NOTICE OF EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Members of The Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels, Limited, will be held at Exchange Building, Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, on Friday, the Eighteenth day of March, 1932, at 11.30 in the forenoon immediately after the Annual General Meeting of the Company, for the purpose of considering and if thought fit passing the following resolutions as Ordinary Resolutions:—

1. That the authorised Capital of the Company (which is now $10,000,000.00 divided into 1,000,000 Shares of $10.00 each, of which the whole have been issued) be increased from $10,000,000.00 consisting as aforesaid to $15,000,000.00 (consisting of 1,500,000 Shares of the nominal value of $10.00 each) by the creation of 500,000 New Shares of the nominal value of $10.00 each.

2. That in the first instance 200,000 of the said New Shares be offered at par (in the proportion of one New Share for every five Old Shares held by them respectively) to the persons who on the eighteenth day of March, 1932, are registered in the Company's Share Register as the holders of the 1,000,000 Old Shares and so that on acceptance of such offer the full nominal amount due in respect of such 200,000 New Shares shall be payable on the 30th day of June, 1932, and that on acceptance of such offer and on payment in manner aforesaid such shares so taken up shall rank as from the 1st day of July, 1932, for dividend and in all other respects pari passu with shares constituting the Company's present issued Capital, and that any of the said 200,000 New Shares which shall not be taken up by the Company's Shareholders in manner aforesaid be disposed of at such time or times in such manner and upon such terms and conditions as the Company's Board of Directors shall think fit.

3. That such offer be made by notice specifying the number of shares to which the Member is entitled and limiting the time within which the offer if not accepted by the Member on behalf of himself or his nominee will be deemed to be declined and that the Directors be at liberty to fix such time and to extend it to such date or dates as they may think fit.

4. That the balance of 300,000 Shares constituting the Company's unissued Capital be issued at such time or times in such manner and for such purposes and upon such terms and conditions in every respect as the Company's Board of Directors may decide.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that the before mentioned Extraordinary General Meeting will be continued for the purpose of considering and if thought fit passing the following Resolution as an Extraordinary Resolution:—

5. That the Articles of Association of the Company be altered in manner following:—

"(a) By the insertion immediately after Article No. 126 of the existing Articles of Association of the two following new Articles to be known as Articles 126A 126B.'

"126A. Each Director who is a registered holder in his own right of not less than 25,000 Shares in the Capital of the Company shall have the power to nominate any person approved for that purpose by a majority of the other Directors of the Company to act as an alternate Director, in his place, during his absence from the Colony of Hongkong or inability to act through illness as such Director, and at his discretion to remove such alternate Director, and on any such appointment being made, the alternate Director shall be subject in all respect to the terms and conditions existing with reference to the other Directors of the Company, and any alternate Director while acting in the place of an absent Director, shall exercise and discharge all the duties and functions of the Director he represents, but shall look to such Director solely for his remuneration and shall not be entitled to claim remuneration from the Company. Provided always that it shall be a condition precedent to the exercise of the power of appointment herein contained and the continuance of the appointment hereunder that the Director exercising the same shall be, at the time of making such appointment and shall continue to be so long as the said appointment continues, the registered holder in his own right of not less than 25,000 Shares in the Capital of the Company. Every appointment made in pursuance of this Article shall be in writing under the hand of the Director making the same."

"126B. Any instrument appointing an alternate Director in pursuance of Article 126A of these Articles shall be as nearly as circumstances will admit in the following form or to the effect following:—"

I, a Director of The Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels, Limited, in pursuance of the power in that behalf contained in Article 126A of the Articles of Association of the Company do hereby nominate and appoint of to act as alternate Director in my place during my absence from the Colony of Hongkong or my inability to act as a Director through illness (as the case may be) to exercise and discharge all my duties as a Director of the Company.

AS WITNESS my hand this day of One thousand nine hundred and thirty

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that a further Extraordinary General Meeting of the Members of the above named Company will be held at Noon at the same place on the Fourth day of April, 1932, for the purpose of receiving a report of the proceedings at the last above mentioned meeting and of confirming if thought fit as a Special Resolution the before mentioned resolution numbered 5 herein.

Dated this 27th day of January, 1932.

By Order of the Board,
F. C. BARRY,
Secretary.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Notice is hereby given that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Shareholders in this Corporation will be held at the Head office of the Corporation, No. 1 Queen's Road Central, Hongkong, on Saturday, the 27th February, 1932, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1931.

The Register of Shares of the Corporation will be closed from Monday, the 15th February, to Saturday, the 27th February, 1932 (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By order of the Board of Directors,
V. M. GRAYBURN,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 5th February, 1932.

THE HONGKONG & SHANGHAI HOTELS, LTD.

(Incorporated in Hongkong).

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders of The Hong Kong and Shanghai Hotels, Limited, will be held at the Registered Office of the Company (Exchange Building, Des Voeux Road, Central, Hongkong), on Friday, the 18th day of March, 1932, at 11 a.m., for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Board of Directors for the year ended on the 31st December, 1931, confirming the appointment of a Director and re-electing a Director and the Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Wednesday, the 2nd March, 1932, until Friday, the 18th March, 1932, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
F. C. BARRY,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 27th January, 1932.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

The ONE HUNDRED and TWELFTH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, 1, Queen's Building, Victoria, Hongkong, on Tuesday, the 15th March, 1932, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from Tuesday, the 1st March, 1932, to Tuesday, the 15th March, 1932, both days inclusive, during which period No Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
G. E. ELLAMS,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 15th February, 1932.

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NOTICE is hereby given that the Annual Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Hongkong Hotel, Hongkong, on Monday, the 29th February, 1932, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1931.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from Thursday, 18th February, to Monday, 29th February, both days inclusive.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.
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Manila	Pres. Cleveland	February 19.
Japan	Hakusan Maru	February 19.
Japan	Shinyo Maru	February 19.
Europe via Negapatam (Letters and Papers) London, 21st January	Kashima Maru	February 20.
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For	Per	Date and Time.
Swatow, *Amoy and *Foochow	Haiyang	Tues., Feb. 16, 2 p.m.
Amoy	Soochow	Tues., Feb. 16, 3.30 p.m.
Foochow	Newchwang	Tues., Feb. 16, 3.30 p.m.
Samshui and Wuchow	Tai Hing	Tues., Feb. 16, 4 p.m.
Swatow	Cremer	Wed., Feb. 17, 8.30 a.m.
Haiphong	G. G. Maurice Long II	Wed., Feb. 17, 10.30 a.m.
Shanghai, *Japan and *Europe via Siberia	Andre Lebon	Wed., Feb. 17, 2.30 p.m.
Amoy	Kwelyang	Wed., Feb. 17, 3.30 p.m.
Saigon	Ninghai	Wed., Feb. 17, 5 p.m.
Hoihow and Haiphong	Menado Maru	Thur., Feb. 18, 8.30 a.m.
Manila	Asama Maru	Thur., Feb. 18, 2.30 p.m.
Swatow	Hydrangea	Thurs., Feb. 18, 3 p.m.
Amoy	Kumsang	Thurs., Feb. 18, 5 p.m.
Japan	Atsuta Maru	Fri., Feb. 19, 9.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haiching	Fri., Feb. 19, 1 p.m.
Japan, and *Canada	President Cleveland	Fri., Feb. 19.
	Parcels,	Feb. 19, 3 p.m.
	Reg.,	Feb. 19, 4.15 p.m.
	Letters	Feb. 19, 5 p.m.
	(Due Victoria B.C., 8th March)	
Shanghai and *Europe via Siberia	President Cleveland	Fri., Feb. 19.
	Reg.,	Feb. 19, 5 p.m.
	Letters	Feb. 19, 6 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Hakusan Maru	Fri., Feb. 19.
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	Reg.,	Feb. 19, 4.30 p.m.
	Letters,	Feb. 19, 4.30 p.m.
	G.P.O.	
	Reg.,	Feb. 19, 5 p.m.
	Letters,	Feb. 19, 6 p.m.
	(Due Marseilles, 19th March)	
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., Central and South America and *Europe via Vancouver B.C. and *Europe via Siberia	Emp. of Canada	Sat., Feb. 20.
	Parcels,	Feb. 19, 5 p.m.
	Reg.,	Feb. 20, 9.15 a.m.
	Letters,	Feb. 20, 10 a.m.
	(Due Vancouver B.C., 8th March)	
Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island	Changte	Sat., Feb. 20.
	Parcels	Feb. 19, 5 p.m.
	Reg.,	Feb. 20, 9.45 a.m.
	Letters	Feb. 20, 10.30 a.m.
	(Due Thursday Island 27th Feb.)	
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WOMEN'S WORLD

FOR OUR LADY READERS.

TO MOTHERS.

What to Dress the Children In.

Mothers are constantly asking themselves the question: of what shall I make the children's day and night wear, so that it will wear and wash and, at the same time, protect them against chills? An easy solution offers itself in the countless assortment of Viyella fabrics available at all the Hongkong Stores. Heavy wear never brings regret where Viyella is concerned. The wash tub holds no danger.

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Piquant.

The white wool evening dress is something new and smart. Schiaperalli fashions one of wool of gossamer sheerness in the new moulded fashion with a skirt that flares only below the knees, and tops it with a charming little rose velvet corduroy jacket that fastens up in diagonal manner and then ties a bow at the throat. The sleeves have fitted cuffs, a jaunty, practical touch that adds piquancy to the dressy ensemble of the entire costume.

BERET PLUS BOW

Berets are the rage in Paris. Florence Walton created this model in the new rich brown velvet. The pert upstanding bow is in a beautiful copper red.

AFTER THE 'FLU.

The Healing Virtues of Water and Fruit.

Influenza, even if not severe, always leaves behind it a feeling of general langour and fatigue, and that most wretched of all maladies—post-influenzal depression.

These ailments are the remains of the influenza poison which still lingers about the system, and unless some definite steps are taken for their removal, the 'flu invalids will continue indefinitely to feel weak and tired and "nervy."

How many people realise that the best way of cleansing the body, and washing away these "influenza dregs" is by drinking water? A glass of water, either hot or cold, taken first thing in the morning, acts upon the internal organs just as a refreshing bath acts upon the skin.

If another glass is taken about eleven o'clock, another at lunch time, another about six o'clock, and yet another before going to bed, a marked improvement will soon be noticed in the general health.

Another excellent drink is weak tea, which not only helps to dissolve the poison and carry it out of the system, but also acts as a gentle stimulant in cases of depression. Most people feel the need of something to "buck them up," both physically and mentally, but wine and spirits should be avoided, as they only make the depression worse after the first few moments of excitement.

Next to this water drinking, two fruits, oranges and grape fruit, are being recommended by all the leading physicians, both for their splendid cleansing properties, and their use as a tonic.

The Popular Orange.

Oranges have been popular among us for so long that most people nowadays realise their really valuable health-giving attributes, and grape fruit is rapidly coming to the fore as an equally beneficial fruit. Anyone recovering from influenza, or any other feverish illness, cannot do better than consume three or four of these very delightful fruits daily.

Fresh air is another very important factor in convalescence. So many people after influenza, fearful of catching fresh cold, sleep with heavy curtains drawn over closed windows, and sit over a fire in a warm room. This only weakens their vitality, and renders them actually more susceptible to fresh chills and colds.

The bedroom window should always be thrown well open, sitting rooms kept well aired and free from stuffiness, and a walk taken every day if the weather permits. A change of air and surroundings is always advisable after influenza, not only to brace the body, but to distract and stimulate the mind.

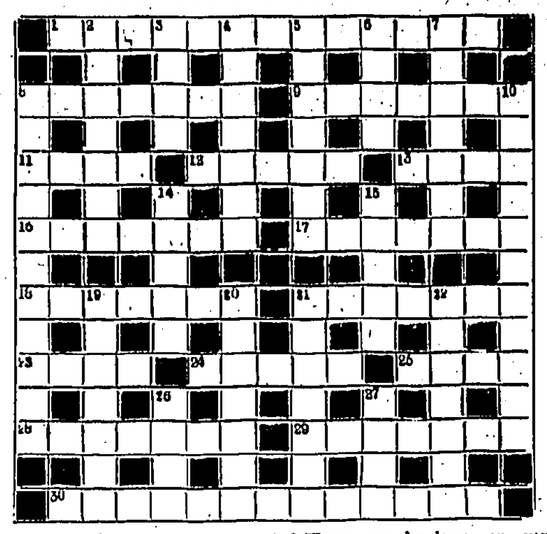
Post-influenzal depression too often takes the form of moping at home, and refusing to go out or join in any amusement under the plea of "not feeling well enough." Yet the chances are that there is lack of energy rather than actual strength. Even the mere effort of getting ready seems too much trouble, though were the effort made, the change and enjoyment consequent would be of the greatest benefit.—M. I. S. *In Exchange.*

CHEESE STRAWS.

Mix together equal quantites of grated cheese, flour, butter, and breadcrumbs. Season well with cayenne, and a very little pounded mace.

Form into a rather thin paste with beaten yolk of egg, and roll out thinly. Cut into 4-inch lengths ½ inch wide, and twist slightly. Bake a pale brown in a good oven.

OUR BRITISH CROSSWORDS.



Across

1 Repercussion that is always about a verb.
5 This affords a safe outlet for hot air.
9 Describes an ass, visited by a doctor.
11 To fall in with is merely fitting.
12 An outcry, the very natural result of one in the nose.
13 This cap can't be worn on the head.
16 "Chattle" (anag.).
17 Simply hot air—decidedly unpleasant.
18 This new tenant is lucky. He cannot lose his income.
21 A secret society.
23 The action of a symathiser, you can make a wager.
24 Illuminating, though, to an extent, stinging.
25 German Christian name that, viewed correctly, will furnish a cooling drink.
28 Held by Britannia.
29 This raider finds concealment in a van ride.
30 "Rend shorn dodo" (anag.).

Down

2 "Censure is the tax a man pays to the public for being—"—Swift. "Thoughts on Various Subjects."
3 Clever girl, she has the dean completely muddled.
4 Confusion follows in the wake of the Turkish Governor in this Syrian seaport.
5 Lies.
6 These may be long or very little.
7 Pertaining to the vasty deep.
8 Obliging and, from the sound of it, inwardly very well satisfied.
10 Begining with a very suitable starting point, the Good Templar goes on to greater stature.
14 On the march I met some old friends—several I've not seen for years (hidden).
15 Carriage that are not allowed to develop—unlike their precious freight.
19 Harbour in the mind.
20 Repeated, but probably only in the family.
21 Gives comfort when depressed.
22 The great month of the Mohommedan year.
26 Correct.
27 The umpire's word.

Yesterday's Solution.

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BRITISH PREMIER.

TO LEAVE LONDON SHORTLY.

London, Feb. 15.

The Prime Minister yesterday left the nursing home for the first time since his operation, to undergo a thorough examination of his eye at his residence by his consultant. It is announced that the result of the operation was very satisfactory, but to maintain this good result at least three weeks complete rest is essential. Afterwards the Premier returned to the nursing home, where he will remain a few more days, after which it is expected he will leave London to recuperate fully.—*British Wireless.*

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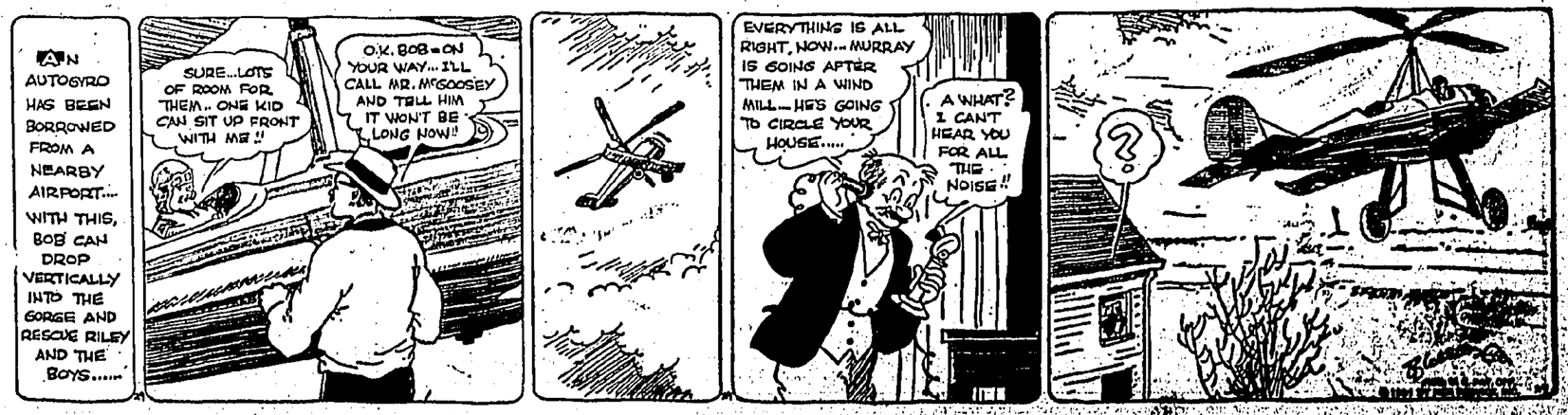

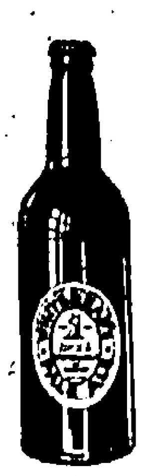

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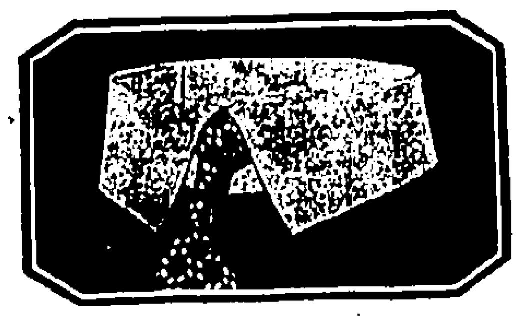

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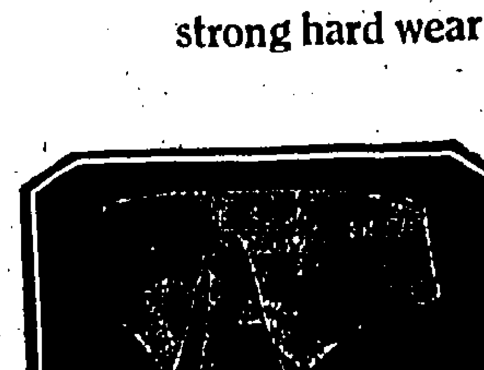

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BELIEVE IT OR NOT—

CHEVROLET

Chevrolet pistons move at the low rate of only 1836 feet per car mile.

Whenever metal parts move, one upon the other, there is friction in some degree. That is inevitable. Wear is always taking place in the cylinders where the pistons and rings move against the cylinder walls. This friction is minimized by adequate lubrication but can never be entirely eliminated. In the Chevrolet design, with its low speed, short stroke engine, piston travel is quite low, being only 1836 feet per car mile, compared with 1914 feet and 2514 feet for its nearest competitors.

THE HONGKONG HOTEL GARAGE.

The Hongkong & Shanghai Hotels, Ltd.
Incorporated in Hongkong.
Stubbs Road Happy Valley

The Hongkong Telegraph.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 1932.

BROKEN PROMISES.

The statement issued by the Shanghai Municipal Council clarifying the position as between the settlement authorities and the Powers comes at an opportune moment, seeing that it practically synchronises with the action of the Japanese in utilising the Settlement for disembarkation of the newly-arrived troops. This action, as Reuter points out, is directly contrary to specific promises made by the Japanese to the consular authorities. After showing that the Council has no authority or control whatever over the international forces employed in the defence scheme of the Settlement, Mr. Fessenden makes it clear that the Japanese unit has been allotted the northern sector purely for defensive measures and the protection of the Settlement as a whole, adding, very pertinently, that "anything done by the Japanese in excess of purely defensive measures contemplated by the defence plan is something for which the Settlement authorities and commanders of other nationalities cannot be held responsible." This expresses in other words the reply recently made by the Chairman of the Council, Brigadier General Macaughten, to the protest of the Mayor of Shanghai, in which it was plainly stated that "the Japanese Government, and not the Municipal Council, is solely responsible for the acts of the Japanese armed forces in the Settlement."

It is well that the exact position should be made clear, since there appears to have been considerable misapprehension on the matter amongst the Chinese in Shanghai. The fact of Japan's responsibility having been established, the issue becomes one of supreme importance, and it is not surprising that considerable anxiety is being felt abroad over the situation thus created. From the very outset, the Powers concerned have urged upon the Japanese Government the undesirability of any interference in the Settlement. For example, some little time back, the British Ambassador in Tokyo drew the attention of the Japanese Foreign Office to the dangers to which the lives and interests of British nationals have been exposed by Japanese action, and protested against the use of the Settlement as a base for attack. Washington has also addressed Japan on similar lines, but, notwithstanding assurances by the Tokyo Government, the Japanese on the spot have acted in direct opposition to the pledges of their Government. Dealing with this issue, a Shanghai commentator, who has certainly not been by any means pro-Chinese in his observations, recently urged that the landing and employment of Japanese forces in the Settlement area should have been restricted to units actually required for the purposes of defence. He added that if the Japanese were determined upon offensive actions which could not come within the scope of the Defence Committee's responsibilities, the forces employed should have been landed, and kept, beyond Settlement limits. He goes further and asserts that the use of the Settlement as a base exposes the British, American and French forces to attacks by Chinese regular forces, adding that "Japan has no right to saddle friendly Powers with responsibilities of such magnitude."

Apart from the immediate effects of Japan's actions, there are grave potentialities in the situation which she had created. It has well been said that fragile indeed were the barriers of international good faith and mutual Sino-foreign convenience which hedged about Shanghai's little political island, and while it was not hard for Japan to crush through them, it will be far harder for others to build them back. Japan, however, appears to regard the situation merely in the light of immediate convenience. Surely her promises should count for something. World opinion, as the chief Japanese delegate at the League Council recently admitted, is hostile towards Japan. It is likely to be intensified by the latest developments. The danger to the Settlement arises, not as Japan says, from the proximity of Chinese forces, but from the tractics which the Japanese military and naval commanders are adopting by infringing its long-established neutrality.

Lausanne in June.

The reparations conference, with the approval of France and other interested governments, is now to be held in June. The official communique gives no inkling of the basis of the agreement, but suggests that much has been done to close the gap between the British ideal of a final closing of the question and French insistence that any arrangement shall be no more than temporary until the crisis is over and Germany has recovered her capacity to pay. The object of the conference in June will be to agree upon a lasting settlement, to put an end to a problem which has vexed Europe for eleven years. The irony which runs through this chapter of international relations is that Germany offered at Versailles to pay virtually the same amount as was subsequently agreed upon in the Young plan; but while Germany probably would have been able to acquit itself of its debt, had its offer been accepted and the violent economic and financial upheavals been avoided, it has now become doubtful whether, after the experience of the last year, any concession other than cancellation will hereafter be found sufficient. The story of the last eleven years is one of "political wrangling and financial uncertainly." The former secretary to the Reparation Commission, who was afterward secretary to the Dawes Committee, and finally Commissioner for Controlled Revenues in Berlin, speaks frankly about the folly of the astronomical figures which were employed. The progressive reductions did not improve matters, because they always came too late. At last, it is becoming understood that economic and financial problems should be treated without passions and prejudices. Looking back on the reparation period, we can see where mistakes were made. But this retrospective discovery of mistakes, though interesting, will be fruitless unless it leads those involved to the resolve that, in facing the new international financial and economic problems which present themselves to-day, rational action shall be taken and solutions reached before they are too late.

SUGAR MARKET.

THE LATEST CABLED QUOTATIONS.

The following cable at the close of the sugar market yesterday has been received by Messrs. Pentreath and Co.

London Terminals.
March 6/6¾ up 1¼d.
May 6/9 up 1¼d.
August 7/-¼ up 1½d.
December 7/3½ up 1¾d.
Buyers at above prices, sellers asking ¼d-½d more.

New York Terminals.
March .95 no change.
May 1.00 up 1 pt.
July 1.07 up 1 pt.
September 1.18 up 2 pts.
December 1.19 up 2 pts.

"Mystery Planes" For Race Through Stratosphere.

M. Guerchais (upper right), noted French aeronautical engineer ... is building the weird, submarine-like monoplane shown below ... in which he hopes to fly at least 200 miles an hour through the strato-sphere ... and hop from Paris to New York in 12 hours ... while a rival builder, Farman, is constructing a plane to make the same flight in only six hours.

DAY BY DAY

IF WE CONSIDER WELL, WE SHALL FIND THAT EVERY CAPABILITY, HOWEVER SLIGHT, IS BORN WITH US; THAT THERE IS NO VOGUE CAPACITY IN MEN.—*Goethe.*

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Five cases of small-pox and two of diphtheria were reported to the Medical Officer of Health over the week end.

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Security to the value of $10,000 guaranteed by Mr. Ho Iu, compradore of the Mercantile Bank was accepted by Mr. Wynne Jones at the Central Police Court yesterday morning as bail for Chan Cheung-wan, a shroff who is charged with conspiracy and larceny of $6,825. Mr. F. H. Loseby is for the prosecution and Mr. A. E. Hall for the defence. The case was again adjourned.

LADY HOUSTON'S PATRIOTISM.

TO PAY INCOME TAX.

Lady Houston, although domiciled in Jersey, has, for patriotic reasons, decided to pay income tax this year in considertion of the nation's need. The matter is now in the hands of her lawyers, who are working out the details of the sum to be paid.

There has been no demand for the payment of the tax. Lady Houston merely considers that the present financial position of the country is such that she should contribute to the Exchequer in respect of her income.

It may be recalled that Lady Houston on her husband's death paid in 1928 £1,500,000 in death duties "as an act of grace without admitting any liability on her part." Last year she guaranteed £100,000 to defray the cost of Great Britain's defence of the Schneider Trophy.

Lady Houston in December, 1929, sent a donation of £1,000 to the Christian Protest Movement against Russian Persecution, and later added to it £500 received as damages in a libel action.

By Minott Saunders.

Grotesque planes like man-made comets, roaring at dizzy speeds through the little known regions ten miles above the globe—

Six-hour trips from Paris or Berlin to New York—

Flying, winged "submarines," with daring pilots locked in hermetically sealed cabins—

It's going to be a spectacular trans-Atlantic flying season, if plans of European aeronautical engineers don't go awry!

For a three-cornered—or perhaps a four, five or six-cornered—international race through the stratosphere is in the making, with almost every capital in Europe seemingly harbouring a "mystery plane" ready to dare the rare upper atmosphere.

Many of the planes are shrouded in secrecy which permits not even the names of their builders or pilots to be known. Other constructors, like the rivals Farman and Guerchais in Paris and another manufacturer in Germany have partially revealed their plans.

Farman and Guerchais are each speeding up final preparations in the ambition to be the first to conquer the stratosphere. Already built, in Berlin, is another plane with a hermetically sealed cockpit, oxygen-supply chambers, an 82-foot wingspread and a crude oil motor—and it's said to be capable of flying 700 miles an hour at an altitude of ten miles.

The two planes now nearing completion in Paris are similar in principle. They are monoplanes with exaggerated wing spans. The most unusual feature, however, is a sealed submarine-like cabin built of metal and strong enough to prevent it from bursting outwards from the air within while the plane is riding in the thin stratospheric element.

High Speed Possible.

The Guerchais machine has a wing 55 feet in spread and thick in construction, with the bracing in the interior. It has a 700 horse power Lorraine motor and, under Guerchais' calculations, should be able to fly at 50,000 feet at 300 miles an hour.

The sealed cabin in the Guerchais machine is built of duralumin, like that used by Professor Auguste Piccard in his balloon flight. It will house the motor and two pilots, and will also contain highly sensitive instruments for scientific observations and safe flying when nothing can be seen. An "Electro-Mecanique" compressor, subject to regulation from the cockpit, will be started, according to plans, at about 20,000 feet altitude and feed the engine as well as the men.

Life in this cabin during flight will be much the same as that in a submarine, with oxygen tanks and a system for the absorbtion of carbon gases.

Plane Built in Secret

Henri Farman, pioneer aviator and one of the foremost constructors in France, is zealously guarding the secrets of his stratosphere machine. It outwardly resembles the famous Farman type of commercial machine, but has a wing-spread of nearly 60 feet. The air-tight compartment is surmounted by five heavy radiators, three for air, one for oil and one for water. It will be driven by a 500 horse-power motor and the apparatus in the cabin will pump 60 litres of warm air a minute. The plane is heavily constructed, but it is estimated that it should make between 400 and 500 miles an hour in the rarified air of the stratosphere.

Both Guerchais and Farman will use a propellor with a variable pitch, or angle of attack on the air, which may be changed by the pilot during flight.

Work on the Farman stratosphere plane has been going on for four years.

"We shall not attempt anything sensational at first," Farman said. "The machine, which should be ready in about two months, will be flown first at low altitudes and then higher by gradual stages.

To Seek New Altitudes.

"We do not know what we shall do, but we hope for much. It may be considered as certain that the altitudes at from 50,000 to 60,000 feet which machines of the present may reach will in time be greatly surpassed.

"Theoretically, we ought to go very, very fast. The rarification of the air should, in theory, permit normal speed to be doubled above 30,000 feet and quadrupled above 60,000 feet, but this is not exactly true. To reach great altitudes we shall have to put on weight and this will cut down speed."

It is no secret, however, that Farman engineers figure that a normal speed of 120 miles an hour should develop into 500 an hour at from 70,000 to 90,000 feet altitude. On that basis, a stratosphere plane should fly from Paris to New York in six hours.

"I'm sure glad to hear you're well, Mr. Meyer—and how is Mrs. Meyer and your very splendid children?"

NEXT FEW DAYS.

(Continued from Page 1.)

arrived yesterday at the Wayside wharves, landed approximately 6,000 men. The transports also put ashore considerable equipment in the form of light and heavy artillery units, tanks and ammunition for small arms as well as big guns.

There are intimations that further transports are coming up the river to-day with fresh supplies and more men.

DISCUSSION IN HOUSE OF COMMONS.

SIR M. LAMPSON'S PEACE REPORTS.

London, Feb. 15.

Several questions relating to the Far Eastern situation were answered by the Foreign Secretary, Sir John Simon, in the House of Commons.

There had, he said, been little change in the situation at Shanghai in the last few days, except for the arrival of Japanese reinforcements.

The British Minister in China reached Shanghai last week and, in accordance with instructions, had been exerting himself in every possible way, both by using his good offices with the Chinese and Japanese authorities, and by consultation with the representatives of the other Powers, including the United States, with a view to securing an agreement for the cessation of fighting.

Sir John Simon deeply regretted that these efforts had not yet borne fruit but they were being continued.

China's Rights.

As to the Chinese appeal to the League, Article XV of the Covenant provided that a dispute submitted to the Council shall be referred to the Assembly at the request of either party to the dispute, provided the request made within 14 days after the submission of the dispute to the Council.

The Chinese representative made the request before the fourteen days expired, and consequently, if he so desired, the dispute was automatically referred to the Assembly. The report to the Council by the officers appointed to investigate the causes and continuance of the dispute, together with the subsequent report, which had now reached Geneva, formed part of the material collected for the consideration of the Council. Another portion of the material would be statements by the parties to the dispute and the Article provided that the council may direct their publication.

Publicity Suggested.

He would urge that the documents should be made publicly available at the earliest moment. The gravity and urgency of the matter were in the minds of all members of the Council and he trusted there would be better news without much longer delay.

How soon the Assembly could meet and what it could do when it met were questions demanding careful consideration. The Council was still sitting and he hoped to return there as soon as possible. —*British Wireless.*

KWANGSI VARSITY EXTENSION.

MINING COURSE TO BE ADDED.

Wuchow, Feb. 13.

With scaffolding in place and the superstructure rapidly raising into position, the erection of three new buildings for the Kwangsi University is becoming a reality. Since its reopening last year the enrolment of students has grown to such an extent that it was deemed necessary to add three new buildings to those already standing. There are now five buildings on the campus besides the faculty buildings and residences.

The Kwangsi University came into being during the efficient and progressive Governorship of Wong Shiu-hung, but when the Governor lost power the institution disbanded. The buildings fell into disrepair and were used in turn as a barracks for Cantonese soldiers, and later, as a Military Academy for the training of officers for the Cantonese Army.

After standing vacant for a number of months, the Kwangsi University again opened its doors for classes, with the result that hundreds of students have flocked to the highest institution of learning in the Province. It is expected that a mining course will be added to the University's curriculum in the near future.

During the last few weeks long rows of trees have been set out bordering the road which connects the main buildings with the large ornamental arch which stands at the entrance of the University grounds. Shrubs and flowers have also been planted.—*Our Own Correspondent.*

THE SITUATION IN INDIA.

AN IMPROVEMENT REPORTED.

London, Feb. 15.

Sir Samuel Hoare, Secretary of State for India, stated in the House of Commons to-day that Provincial Government reports indicated an improvement in the Peshawar District and a very satisfactory situation in other districts of the North-West Frontier Province.

Sustained improvement was reported in the United Provinces, confirming the view that agitation is now definitely on the decrease. There are indications that the apex has been reached in several other Provinces, Bengal, Bihar and Orissa, the Central Provinces and the Punjab.

The very satisfactory situation in the Bombay Presidency and in Bombay City gives some indication of the improvement.

Generally there are very few instances of violence. The chief activity of Congress is now the Boycott. The underground agitation continues but at present gives little cause for anxiety.

On the 13th, in the Tipperah District of Bengal, the police were attacked and forced to fire. Three persons were killed.

The situation in Kashmir and Jammu is much easier but the reactions of the communal feeling in British India, especially in the Punjab, are more marked.—*British Wireless.*

Y.M.C.A. DEBATE.

MODERN YOUTH'S RESPONSIBILITIES.

What can probably be regarded as the most appropriate subject the Y.M.C.A. could discuss is to be debated by members of the Y.M.C.A. Literary and Debating Society to-morrow evening, when Mr. E. F. Selk will move "That Modern Youth is Fulfilling Its Responsibilities." The debate will take place in the new social hall, beginning at 9 p.m. sharp, and will be broadcast.

The leading speakers will be Mr. E. F. Selk, mover of the motion, Mr. A. R. Brown, seconder, with Mr. T. J. Price, leader of the opposition, and Mr. W. J. Keates as his chief supporter.

The responsibilities in all phases of life which are confronting the youth of to-day, and how, if at all, it is facing up to them, will be fully discussed, and as usual, members of the audience voice their opinion in open debate.

The chair will be taken by Mr. P. S. Cassidy, President of the Literary and Debating Society, and ladies are cordially invited to attend and take part in the debate.

EVERTON LOSE LEADERSHIP.

SHEFFIELD UNITED NOW ON TOP.

Londno, Feb. 15.

Sheffield United displace Everton in the First Division Leadership as a result of ar win, at home to-day, against Manchester City. The United won by two goals to one, and the League revision is as follows:

Sheffield	Un.	29	17	2	10	64	45	36
Everton		28	16	1	10	85	52	35
West Brom. ..		28	14	5	9	51	30	33
Huddersfield		27	13	7	7	55	36	33
Arsenal		26	13	6	7	60	35	32

In the Second Division, Charlton Athletic entertained Stoke City. A draw 1-1 resulted. —*Reuter.*

EMPIRE RADIO SCHEME.

REGULAR SERVICE. THIS YEAR.

London, Feb. 15.

The Postmaster General, in the House of Commons, said work on the constructing of the new station for Empire Broadcasting was in hand, and the British Broadcasting Corporation hoped to provide a regular service from the station before the end of the year. The scheme was being financed out of the Corporation's revenue, and no question of Overseas contribution would be raised until the service was established. —*British Wireless.*

Five men took part in an armed robbery late last night, the scene being an isolated hut at Chu Shi Liu village, in the Kowloon City district. They stole clothing and a small sum of money, amounting altogether to $20, and escaped before an alarm was given. One of the men is known to have been armed with a scissors blade.

A coppersmith at the Cosmopolitan Docks, Lai King-chih, was yesterday severely burnt about the face and arms when a jar containing sulphuric acid was accidentally broken and its contents spilled. The victim was taken to the Kwong Wah Hospital for treatment.

FRESH ACTIVITY AT WOOSUNG.

CHINESE FIRE ON TRANSPORTS.

NEW ULTIMATUM.

Shanghai, Feb. 15, 5.37 p.m.

Japanese warships and aeroplanes went into action at Woosung this morning, after the Chinese had used machine-guns and rifles to fire on passing Japanese transports.

It is reported that the Chinese fire caused several casualties, but the number is not ascertainable.

A Japanese communique states that the Japanese positions at Woosung remain unchanged.

Japanese headquarters strongly repudiate an allegation that the Japanese forces are using poison gas shells, pointing out that no such shell is in their possession.—*Reuter.*

Japanese Activity.

Shanghai, Feb. 15, 5.53 p.m.

The Japanese have devoted the day to consolidating their position in the Kiangwan and Woosung areas.

Chinese attackers who moved to the bank of the Whangpoo at Woosung forts were shelled and bombed out.

Japanese naval guns and bombing planes were responsible for two fires in Woosung forts near the waterfront, one in the vicinity of the Forts Hotel, where the British flag is still flying, hoisted by Captain Davis R. N. Ret.

The Japanese main force remains entrenched on the south bank at Wentsaopeng.

Batches of a hundred men proceeded throughout the day from the wharves to Woosung.—*Our Own Correspondent.*

Japanese Bomb Troops.

Shanghai, Feb. 15, 7.39 p.m.

The Japanese report that Chinese troops are again on the premises of the Wing On cotton mill No. 2, at Wentsaopang, as a result of which the mill came in for attention to-day from naval guns and bombing planes.

The Wing On mill is believed to be valued at three and a half million taels.

A Japanese bombing plane was busy throughout the morning reconnoitering the Chinese positions at Woosung, and was engaged in bombing to dislodge the crews of machine-gun nests. At the forts the planes spied over 300 Chinese soldiers, and routed the defenders with heavy bomb. Direct hits and many casualties are claimed.

In Wentsaopang village 300 soldiers were seen by airmen and were subjected to bombing, with further casualties.—*Our Own Correspondent.*

Chinese Open Fire.

Shanghai, Feb. 15, 5.53 p.m.

Japanese civilians standing on the sidewalks along the northern end of North Szechuen Road this morning, to welcome the guard of their expeditionary force, were sent scurrying to cover about 10.30 a.m. when the gunners behind the Chinese lines commenced a heavy bombardment with trench mortars.

The bursting shells failed to stop the regular army from completing its first tour of inspection, but before the hour's firing was over the Japanese naval landing force now holding the area suffered several casualties and much damage was done to property in the vicinity of headquarters at the end of North Szechuen Road.

No Japanese aeroplanes were sent up, but a desultory fire was kept up from two Japanese mortars placed near the end of Darroch Road.

In Markham Road, Chapei, and the North Station the Chinese positions showed no activity.—*Our Own Correspondent.*

Japanese Casualties.

Shanghai, Feb. 15, 5.37 p.m.

When the Chinese trench mortars began a heavy and fairly accurate fire this morning the Japanese sustained several casualties.

The new Japanese troops will take over the front line positions hitherto held by the Marines.

A Chinese shell went through an American-owned house near the Japanese headquarters, but little damage was done as it did not explode. Another shell struck a house near Dixwell Road police station, splinters falling in the station compound. There were no casualties. No Japanese planes went up to locate the guns, but a desultory fire was kept up by Japanese trench mortars near their headquarters.—*Reuter.*

Chinese Guns Active.

Shanghai, Feb. 15, 6.19 p.m.

In the Markham Road sector the Chinese guns are now active.—*Our Own Correspondent.*

Ultimatum Reported.

Shanghai, Feb. 15, 6.19 p.m.

It is rumoured that General Uyeda has sent an ultimatum to the commander of the Chinese forces, for the withdrawal of the Chinese troops.

INJECTIONS OF LIVER.

PERNICIOUS ANAEMIA TREATMENT.

New York, Jan. 15.

University of Michigan research scientists have perfected a new simplified treatment of pernicious anaemia eliminating many of the uncertainties and difficulties of present treatments. The new method involves the intravenous injection of concentrated liver extract, obviating the necessity of frequent doses of liver or substitutes administered through the mouth against which many patients rebel.

Tests showed that four to six injections of the new extract restored the sufferer's blood counts to normal. After the blood is replenished with red corpuscles it is found possible to maintain this state for four to six weeks without new injections. The new method also makes unnecessary the patient's confinement to hospital.

The stipulated time is not known, but is probably 48 hours.—*Our Own Correspondent.*

Further Arrivals.

Shanghai, Feb. 15, 3.09 p.m.

Five Japanese transports arrived at the O.S.K. and Wayside wharves this morning, and immediately commenced unloading stores.

At 11.15 this morning 150 Japanese infantry with fifteen field guns and howitzers and eight horse-drawn supply wagons passed along Yangtsepoo Road in the direction of Woosung. Five hundred Japanese Red Cross troops followed.—*Reuter.*

Settlement's Fears.

Shanghai, Feb. 15, 10.47 p.m.

To-day was the quietest for the past fortnight, but the lull in fighting, far from bringing relief and confidence, is merely increasing nervous tension. The community is now awaiting the climax.

As it is considered very unlikely that Chinese troops will withdraw, it is regarded as inevitable that the Japanese, who are estimated to have landed 20,000 men, with full artillery equipment, will soon commence a major offensive, and it is impossible to forecast the results to the Settlement from the heavy firing, though it is confidently believed that the borders are strongly enough guarded to prevent any break through by armed troops.

Five Japanese transports went up river under cover of a bombardment of the Woosung forts from land and water. Japanese reports state that they brought ammunition, aeroplanes and field guns and other equipment for not more than 2,000 men, but impartial observers who watched the troops landing for several hours estimate that fully 10,000 landed.

Questioned as to the Japanese casualties since the fighting commenced, Admiral Nomura this afternoon stated that the total casualties of Japanese sailors and marines in Hongkew and Chapei had been 80 killed and 450 wounded.—*Reuter Special.*

Courtesy Calls.

Shanghai, Feb. 15, 7.39 p.m.

General Uyeda to-day exchanged courtesy calls with the military and Consular authorities.—*Our Own Correspondent.*

Another Nanking Protest.

Nanking, Feb. 15.

The Foreign Office has lodged another protest with the British and American Governments against the use of the International Settlement at Shanghai by the Japanese as a base of operations against the Chinese forces.—*Reuter.*

Americans Suffer.

Shanghai, Feb. 15, 7.39 p.m.

The American Consul is awaiting an answer to a protest lodged on February 11 with the Japanese Consul regarding the rough handling accorded to the Vice-Consul, Mr. Arthur Ringwalt, and Mrs. L. Young, on February 10, at the hands of Japanese ronins and naval guards.

It appears that at noon on February 10 both were supplied with identification papers and were proceeding to Mrs. Young's former residence, 129 Barchet Road, to search for her young daughter Peggy, 7 years of age, who was lost there at the time of the evacuation.

Japanese naval guards and volunteer civilians patrolling North Szechuen Road, after examining the documents, permitted them to proceed in the company of two volunteer civilians. They proceeded a short distance, and were again halted by volunteer civilians, who stopped Mrs. Young and searched her clothing, and attacked Mr. Ringwalt when he forcibly protested at their rough treatment of the woman in his care.

Both were cuffed, kicked and searched, but after Mr. Ringwalt had demanded that his mission on behalf of his Government be not interfered with, they proceeded, and found the house broken into and deserted. Returning, they reported the matter to the Consulate.—*Our Own Correspondent.*

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Victor Light Opera Company. 9145.
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Victor Concert Orchestra. 9147.
Selections from Babes in Toyland.
Selections from Sweetheart.
Selections from the Red Mill.
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5.45-6.12 p.m.

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Patience.
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The Band of H. M. Coldstream Guards. C1274, C1273, and C1368.

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Piano Solo-I Found You.
Piano Solo-Let Love Take Care of You.
Raie da Costa. B3937.
Humorous Song-That Must Have Been Our Waiter.
Humorous Song-River, Stay 'Way From my Door.
Gracie Fields. B3824.
Orchestral-La Violetera.
Orchestral-The Song of Songs.
De Groot and His Orchestra. B3808.
Humorous Duologue-Auto-Suggestion.
Humorous Duologue-Fish-Sauce.
Alexander and Mose. B3925.
Piano Solo-Reaching for the Moon.
Piano Solo-When the Circus Comes to Town.
Raie da Costa. B3909.
Orchestral-Tunes of Not-So-Long-Ago-1921 and 1922.
New Mayfair Orchestra. B3944.
Piano Solo-Viktoria and Her Hussar-Medley.
Raie da Costa. B3957.

7.00 p.m.

Stock Quotations, Mail Notice, etc.

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7.31-7.51 p.m. From the Studio.

Mrs. H. M. Broadbent will conclude her lecture on "Twenty Years in Burma."

7.51-8.00 p.m.

Programme of Victor and H. M. V. Records.

Pianoforte Solos.

Suggestion Diabolique, Op. 4, No. 4 (Prokofief).
Concerto in E Minor (Medtner).
Benno Moiseivitch. E630.
Sonata in A Major (Scarlatti).
Ecossaise (Beethoven).
Mischa Levitzki. E637.

8.00 p.m. Local Time and Weather Report.

8.03-11.30 p.m. Relay from Ko Shing Theatre.

10.30 p.m. (approx:). Rugby Mid-Day Press News.

11.30 p.m. Close Down.

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MOTOR BOAT COX. FINED.

MAKING FAST TO STEAMER.

Kwok Kam-shing, the coxwain of the motor boat Kee Fat, was charged before the Hon. Comdr. Hole, at the Marine Court this morning, with having made his vessel fast to the s.s. Kaying whilst she was under way in the harbour on February 10.

The accused denied the charge, saying that he was following the ship.

Sergeant Michell said that about 7.50 a.m. on February 10 he saw the s.s. Kaying proceeding to a buoy. There were a large number of sampans and motor-boats around her. He noticed the defendant's motor-boat made fast to the ship by means of a boat-hook.

Defendant said he did not make fast to the steamer. He was only following it. A woman passenger in his boat could give evidence on his behalf.

Ho Lai-she, female passenger in defendant's boat, said at 9.30 a.m. she went out in defendant's boat to the Kaying as she had some relatives coming on board her from Shanghai. She could not board the vessel as it was under way, so she returned to Hongkong, and eventually went on board at 2 p.m. She was not in defendant's boat at 7.50 a.m.

Comdr. Hole found the defendant guilty, and, in view of previous convictions, imposed a fine of $25, or three weeks' imprisonment.

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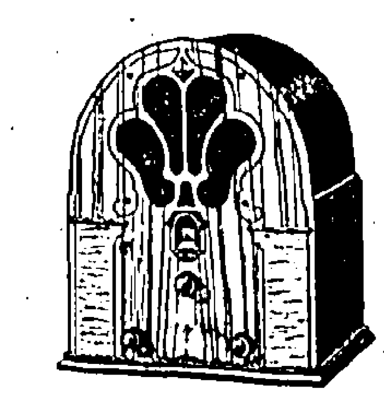
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TENNIS TOURNEY.

OPENING DAY'S PLAY DISAPPOINTS.

The men's singles tennis championship of the Colony opened yesterday at the Hongkong Cricket Club, when nine fixtures in the first round were decided, though the results were almost entirely in accordance with anticipations.

Generally speaking, the tennis was not worthy of the importance of the competition and in several instances the players fell back on to pat-ball tactics which rendered their games uninteresting and rather boring.

R. Choa, who was fancied to defeat Wong Fuk-nam, failed to do so because he was lured into abandoning most of his attacking strokes, engaging his opponent in a baseline duel, and proceeding to commit a sufficient number of blunders to give Wong the match after nearly two hours of unrelieved rallies.

G. W. Sewell gave a praiseworthy display against E. S. Howard to win in quick time, while P. R. S. Walsham revealed himself to be the possessor of quite a repertoire of strokes and a fast player on the court. His success was well deserved.

Results in detail:

Open Singles.

(First Round).

W. Wirth beat C. L. Chan 6-3, 5-7, 7-5.
H. Lo beat R. M. Wood 6-0, 6-4.
G. W. Sewell beat E. S. Howard 6-4, 6-2.
A. E. P. Guest beat D. S. Green 6-1, 6-3.
J. J. Waite beat D. Mohamed 6-2, 6-2.
P. R. S. Walsham beat Luk Chan-cheung 6-1, 4-6, 8-6.
F. H. Kwok beat C. C. Stark 6-3, 6-0.
Wong Fuk-nam beat R. Choa 6-2, 5-7, 7-5.
J. W. Leonard beat W. J. Howard, w.o.

To-day's Programme.

No. 1 Court:— J. J. Barrow v T. Hata.
No. 2:—G. W. A. Tufton v Lee Wai-tsoi.
No. 3:—F. Grose v F. C. Koh.
No. 4:—H. D. Rumjahn v D. D. McKay.
No. 5:—E. C. Fincher v K. H. Wong.
No. 6:—G. Lal v E. C. Holmes.
No. 9:—Tsui Wai-pui v S. A. Gray.

HONGKONG SHARE MARKET.

OFFICIAL SUMMARY BY STOCK EXCHANGE.

The opening session this morning was even quieter than yesterday's, and, generally speaking, operators would seem to be adopting a "wait and see" policy.

Sales.

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Amusements $18.25.
Constructions (Old) $5.15.
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Sellers.

Docks $29.

EXCHANGE RATES.

	Friday.	Yesterday.
Paris	87⅝	87.11/16
Geneva	17.65	17.11/16
Berlin	14.15/32	14.9/16
Oslo	18⅝	18⅝
Helsingfors	224	223½
Athens	270	270
Buenos Aires	39¾	39½
Shanghai	1/10⅞	1/10.15/16
New York	3.44½	3.46
Amsterdam	8.52	8.54
Vienna	32	32
Madrid	43.11/16	44
Bucharest	575	575
Hongkong	1/5.5/16	1/5¼
Brussels	24.65	24¾
Milan	66.7/16	66⅝
Stockholm	17⅞	17⅞
Copenhagen	18.3/16	18¼
Prague	116	117
Lisbon	109¾	109¾
Rio	4.3/16	4.3/16
Bombay	1/6.5/32	1/6.5/32
Yokohama	2/0⅝	2/0¼
Montevideo	31	31
Montreal	3.98	3.98
Silver (spot)	19½	19⅝
„ (forward)	19⅝	19.13/16

—*British Wireless.*

LORD READING.

TO RETURN TO ENGLAND BY EASY STAGES.

London, Feb. 15.

Lord Reading, who has made an excellent recovery after his recent illness, is leaving Luxor in a few days, and will return to England by gradual stages.—*British Wireless.*

FASCISM AND ITALY

TOWARDS THE GUILD STATE.

The old year in Italy was marked by the extent to which economic problems have taken possession of Italians, from Government officials to private individuals of every category, to the exclusion of political international questions. In dealing with some of them Mussolini has been able to set going with a sure hand the workings of a Guild State. The Fascist revolution has replaced the Liberal political and social order of government by a different type of economic and productive organisation of society, in which the State enters the economic sphere with courage and enterprise. The Fascist State controls, but does not monopolise the economic activities of the country, to the detriment of individual enterprise. Mussolini claims to have avoided the defects of Socialism as well as those of Liberalism. His realism, shutting out any Utopian vision of abolition of private property, seeks, through the corporations, to abolish the "inconveniences" of the capitalist system. When he announced this winter that Fascism would "go decidedly towards the people," the disciplining and not the dethronement of the capitalist classes was in his mind.

In spite of gloomy prophecies, the lira exchange remained firm even after the fall in sterling. Italian finance these last months has been based on a balanced budget of payments, and guaranteed by the deflation of the currency accumulated reserves and by the readjustment of the prices of goods and of labour to the stabilised level of the lira. Italy has reaped some advantages of a poor country, deprived of having any recent recourse to foreign loans, and driven by the world crisis to rely on her own resources more than in former days. Resources being somewhat meagre, economic expansion has been curtailed, and many business enterprises, started during the postwar period of inflation, have been forced into liquidation; but it is the opinion of the Government that a more healthy economic condition is the result of automatic pruning.

The Council of Corporations.

Hope is expressed that fuller powers will be given soon to the National Council of Corporations which is presided over by Mussolini. This year-old Council, which crowns the entire Syndicalist organisation, exercises rights nearly equal to those of a real legislative assembly, and promises to develop into a parliament of a true Guild type representing the different categories in the country. Its chief concern this winter has been the discussion of commercial treaties and tariffs. Its members ask for a new tariff policy, but it is difficult for Italy to advance a fixed policy of her own in the present tangle of world economics. The principle of bilateral commercial treaties is adhered to, but some safeguards are necessary to gain a just balance. Italy has been rudely awakened to her losses by the way that Yugo-Slavia, in spite of a commercial treaty, has been free to dump cheap live stock in Italy to the serious detriment of the home market.

Another disappointment has been the commercial treaty with Russia, hailed with delight at the time by a large section of optimists. Trade with Russia shows a deficit much in Russia's favour, and there is real uneasiness as to eventual payment of Italian exports. Russia agreed to pay by instalments up to forty-two months' credit, the credits being covered by a Government guarantee to the extent of 75 per cent. of the total value of each order.

The New Year will entail sacrifices from both capitalists and workers. It is surprising how unprepared Italian manufacturers were for the anti-dumping measures. England had been for so many generations the paradise of manufacturers of Italian furnishing fabrics, woollen goods, furniture, early vegetables, and citric fruits, that they found it difficult to believe the British Government would take such drastic measures. Unless the Italian Government comes to some arrangement with England many manufactories must close altogether. Of negotiations there are no signs at present. The official reason given is that Great Britain has the right to put up its tariffs, and any form of protest just now would be useless. The industrialists say that there will be negotiations after the Ottawa conference, when Italy will ask for help in the shape of favoured nations clauses.

The Fascist Party.

The home policy of Mussolini this year is said to be one of fusion between Fascists who were first comers to his standard and later arrivals. He is going to try again to make the party one with the nation, and as this fusion will be very unpopular with many Fascists he intends to undertake the task himself. Achille Starace, the new secretary-general of the party, is said to be a disciplined follower of the Duce, who has had cause to complain recently of some Fascist officials harbouring ideas of their own. The fiery speeches of the out-going secretary against the Vatican, whether inspired or not, gained many members for the Catholic Action Association, and the present policy of both the Italian Government and of Pius XI. is a reasonable "give and take" attitude.

The settlement of the dispute over the activities of the Catholic Action in Italy this autumn was welcome to everyone. The association now depends directly on the bishop; its members must hold aloof from politics and the national flag is to be flown at their meetings. They must not aim at the constitution of professional associations and trade unions, but "co-operate in order that the syndicates set up by law shall still more activity further the principle of class-collaboration."

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Stockholm booksellers declare that books in English, or translated from English, have had the biggest sales of all foreign literature in the Stockholm bookshops. Although the sales of English detective and humorous novels have decreased, first-class English fiction and poetry have been in greater demand, while there has been a good demand for travel books and memoirs. Mr. Winston Churchill's "My Early Life," and the new volume of "The World Crisis," as well as Norah Hoult's "Rooms to Let," James Joyce's "Dublin Sketches," several works by D. H. Lawrence, and Cronin's "The Hatter's Castle," have been excellent sellers. A notable contribution to poetry has been Erik Blomberg's exquisite lyrical translations of Masefield, De la Mare, Hardy, Yeats, and several other English poets.

Translations, too, are plentiful. Dr. Heyman has translated Boswell's "Life of Dr. Johnson," with ample commentaries, and a new translation of Shakespeare's plays has quite recently been offered to the public. The latter, in twelve volumes, has been made by Dr. Per Hallstroem, the newly-appointed permanent secretary of the Swedish Academy, and one of "the Big Five" awarding the literary Nobel prize. The work was begun in 1922, and is now completed. Once before, in the middle of the past century, Dr. Hagberg, a professor in the Lund University, turned the whole of Shakespeare into Swedish blank verse. His easy-flowing translation became very popular, and will probably remain in use for stage production also in the future. Dr. Hallstroem, an author of high standing with an intimate knowledge of English, has made a quite independent version, following the original more closely, but his verse is ocasionally a little too difficult for the stage.

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CINEMA SCREENINGS.

NOTES SUPPLIED BY THE THEATRES.

It's a far jump from mechanical engineer to film comedian, but the transition was accomplished by Spencer Charters, stage and screen actor who has scored so heavily in the Pathe picture "Lonely Wives," directed by Russell Mack which is now on view at the Central Theatre.

More than thirty years ago Charters was studying mechanical engineering in Harrisburg, Pa. He hung around the stage doors of local stock companies so much at night that he was frequently late for classes in the morning. When, in self defence against his nightly visitor, the stage manager of one company offered him the choice of a job or taking himself away, Charters accepted the former. Since school interfered with matinees, a week later he blew a farewell kiss to the possibility of a M. E. degree and threw his lot with matters thespian.

After several years with repertoire and stock companies, Charters landed on Broadway where he occupied an outstanding position for a quarter of a century, until he went West to play the same role in "Whoopee," which he had created on the stage. Now the veteran actor has deserted the stage for screen work.

In "Lonely Wives" Charters is one of a notable cast headed by Edward Everett Horton and which includes Esther Ralston, Laura La Plante, Patsy Ruth Miller and Maude Eburne, another newcomer from Broadway.

"Waterloo Bridge."

"Waterloo Bridge," Universal's much-discussed picturization of the sensational Robert E. Sherwood drama of the same name, which will be the next attraction at the Central Theatre, with Hollywood's latest "find," Mae Clarke; Kent Douglass; Enid Bennett and Doris Lloyd in the principal roles.

Directed by James Whale, who filmed "Journey's End," and photographed by Arthur Edeson, the capable cinematographer of "All Quiet on the Western Front," the British-flavoured picture of air raids and the love of a London lady of the streets for a young Canadian private, is reported as one of the dramatic gems of the picture capital's current crop.

The Sherwood story depicts the ill luck of a pretty chorus girl who descends, as the War progresses, to a cheap artist's model and eventually to a solicitor. A boyish soldier literally runs into her during the course of an air raid, on London's well-known Waterloo Bridge, and eventually falls madly in love with her.

The ensuing situations in which the girl grows to love the boy and the intense scenes in which he takes her to visit his aristocratic parents are said to be the ultimate in drama.

Carl Laemmle, Jr., the youthful Universal production head, who has scored so soundly with "King of Jazz," "All Quiet on the Western Front," "Dracula" and "Seed," personally produced "Waterloo Bridge" Benn W. Levy and Tom Reed wrote the screen adaptation.

Frederic Kerr, well known British actor; Bette Davis; Ethel Griffies, George Arliss' talented leading lady of many successes; and Rita Carlisle appear with the sensational Miss Clarke, Douglass and the Misses Bennett and Lloyd in the picture's cast.

"Tons of Money."

Ralph Lynn, who for many years has been an enormous draw to comedy lovers of the theatre, has been, until recently, merely a famous name so far as the cinema-going public all over the country are concerned. His film debut in "Rookery Nook" immediately placed him on the list of film actors. Nothing so funny as his performance in this film had been seen on the screen for years. Ralph Lynn's next film was "Plunder," in which he scored a well-deserved success. In "Tons of Money," the film version of the famous Aldwych farce which is now showing at the King's Theatre, his performance is one long scream of laughter. He is a "silly ass" but a "silly ass" who gets your sympathy as well as your laughter. It was the stage version of "Tons of Money" that first brought him into prominence as a West end actor and his inimitable humour in the film version will rightly place him amongst the leading film actors. The story is too well known to repeat, but the comedy element has been broadened and gives both Ralph Lynn and Yvonne Arnaud (who also played in the stage version) every opportunity to excel in their own particular brand of humour.

"Always Goodbye."

Paul Cavanagh, daring adventurer in "Always Goodbye," Fox romantic drama, starring Elissa Landi, which will open next Wednesday at the King's Theatre, is a recent Hollywood import from the English and New York stage.

He was born in Chislehurst, Kent, England the son of a British army officer. After attending the Royal Grammer School at Newcastle, he enrolled at Cambridge University.

After graduation he went to Canada. There he worked on farms, and in the woods—did any job that came along.

At one period he served for nine months with the Mounted Police, after which he began the practice of law for which he was educated. His most noteworthy achievement, while active as a barrister in Canada, was the revision of the statutes of Alberta.

Following the war, in which he served in the Canadian forces, he remained in England. The stage had always held a fascination for him. In 1924 he obtained his first role with a London company. Within five years he grew to be one of England's most popular leading men, and was featured in such stage productions as "Potiphar's Wife," in which he scored his first big success, "Lady May," "Her Past," and "Scotland Yard."

After the tremendous success of "Scotland Yard" as a stage play in London, it was brought to New York for an extended run. Here it was that Cavanagh gained his first American recognition as "Roger Fallon," the same characterization that Edmund Lowe brought to the screen with such success.

His first movie contract was signed in December, 1929, and his first picture was "Strictly Unconventional." Since then he has had featured roles in "Grumpy," "The Virtuous Sin," "Devil to Pay," "Unfaithful," "Born to Love" and "The Squaw Man."

A Fox contract came as the reward for splendid work in "Always Goodbye," in which Lewis Stone is also featured, and John Garrick and Lumsden have important roles. William Cameron Menzies and Kenneth MacKenna co-directed.

Crawford at Queen's Theatre."

To the millions of sport fans the name of the late Knute Rockne immediately brings to mind football. To the millions of air-minded citizens the name Lindbergh immediately brings to mind aeroplanes. So, to the millions of movie goers has the name Joan Crawford come to mean care-free youth, pep and beauty.

In "This Modern Age" Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer continental comedy coming on Thursday to the Queen's Theatre, Joan Crawford has the greatest opportunity to give vent to her boundless spirit that has ever been given to her. While in "Laughing Sinners" she portrayed a member of the gay younger generation, there was a decidedly serious note. In this latest picture Joan is her scintillating self from beginning to end.

The story is fundamentally one of pleasure-mad youth in Paris without a care in the world and with the wherewithal to carry on to the fullest extent. Pauline Frederick, playing the youthful mother of Joan, by her own happy-go-lucky mode of life furnishes the incentive to the younger people to go the limit of hilarity.

The supporting cast includes Neil Hamilton, who scored with Norma Shearer in "Strangers May Kiss;" Monroe Owsley, last seen opposite Glora Swanson in "Indiscreet;" Hobart Bosworth, Emma Dunn, Albert Conti, Adrienne d'Ambricourt and Marcille Corday.

"Squaw Man."

Warner Baxter, borrowed from Fox to play the role of Jim Carston, in Cecil B. DeMille's new Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer picture, "The Squaw Man," which is now showing at the Queen's Theatre, has an interesting angle concerning his current talking picture part.

"When I was asked to play Jim Carston," he stated, "there was no hesitation on my part. There would not be on the part of any experienced actor.

"There are a few 'natural' parts in the drama of the world, and Jim Carston is one of them. By 'natural' roles I mean characterizations that are so strong and accurate emotionally that they become almost immortal. They can be played over and over again and lose none of their savor. They are parts into which an actor can throw himself without reservation.

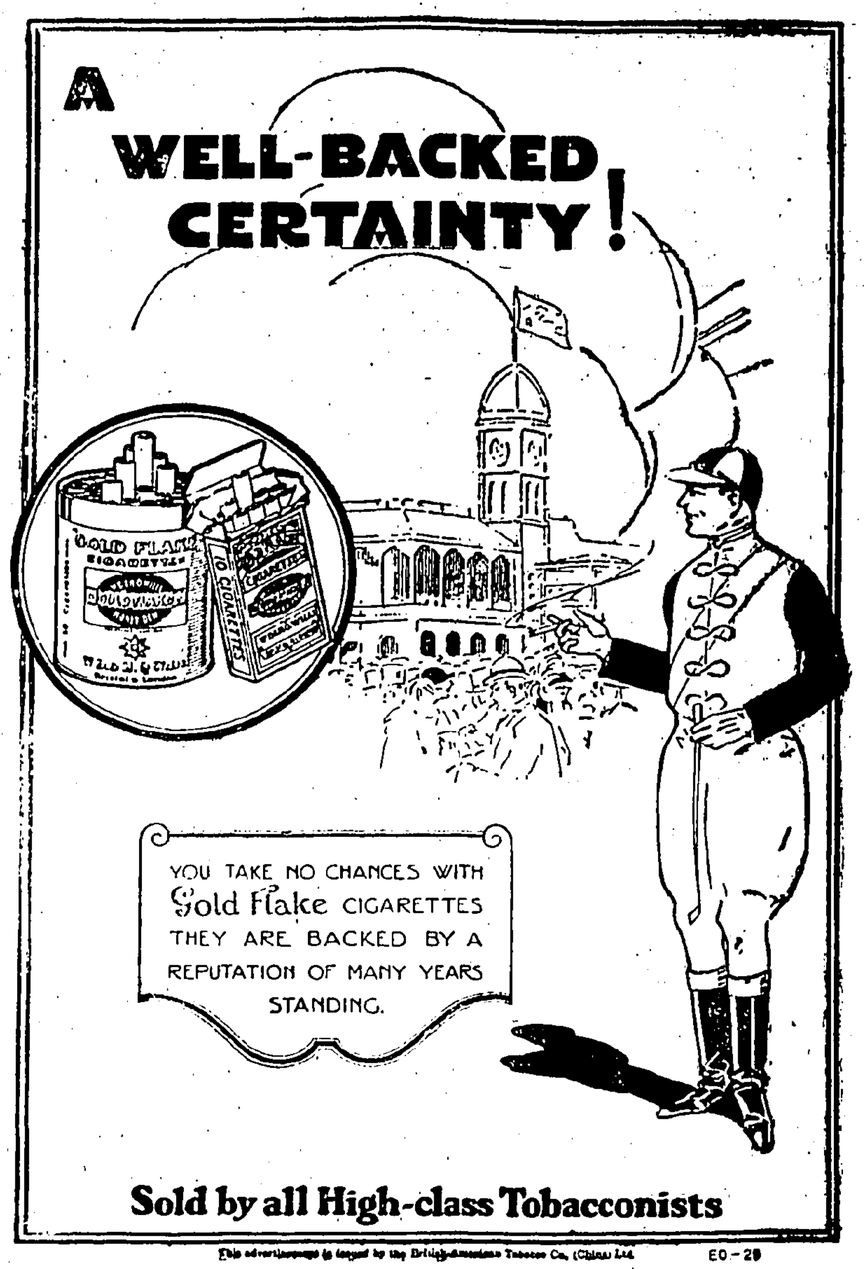
"Other 'natural' parts which might be named, include 'Halmet' 'Ben Hur,' and 'Shylock.'

"Jim Carston belongs in this list because, like them, he has borne the test of time. It is nearly twenty-five years since, in Wallack's theatre, New York, William Faversham first created the role. And yet, to-day, Carston is the same magnetic, dramatic figure he was when Edwin Milton Royle, the author, first wrote him into "The Squaw Man."

"Jim Carston is beloved both by actors and the public because he has several situations, four in fact, which show him in elemental emotional situations which happen frequently in everyday life; namely, self-sacrifice to protect a woman he loves; second, protection by man, the stronger, of a woman, the weaker sex; third, the mating call; fourth, the call on both the white father and the Indian mother, of the twin instincts of mother and father love.

"Jim Carston is at one and the same time both a heroic and an eminently believable figure. He holds you interested at every phase of his movements through the tense story, and that after all, is the main goal of every actor. I am delighted to have the opportunity of following in the part of Carston such famous stars as Faversham, Louis Waller, Herbert Sleath, Dustin Farnum and Elliott Dexter."

"The Squaw Man" is one of the most famous plays the American stage has known. It has been played in a hundred countries in twenty-six languages. It has been shown more times than any other American playa, save possibly "Uncle Tom's Cabin" and "Ben Hur." The various adventures of Jim in English castles, and the Arizona desert, have been adapted to the talking screen by Lenore J. Coffee and Lucien Hubbard, with dialogue by Elsie Janis.



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DIVE FROM HOTEL WINDOW.

New York, Jan. 15.

A tour of New York night clubs ended in the death of James E. D. Catillaz, a wealthy antique art expert, who had appraised some leading United States collections.

Standing with his fiancee in an Hotel Shelton apartment with a friend, Harry R. Balfe, a broker, he asked for a drink, and Balfe replied that he had not a drop of liquor.

Catillaz replied, "Well, here goes a dive," turned, and before his fiancee, Miss Irma Hunter, was able to interfere, plunged out of the window of the 20th floor suite.

His body struck an adjoining three-storey building, death being instantaneous.

INDIAN AFFAIR.

HEAVY SENTENCE FOR A GIRL STUDENT.

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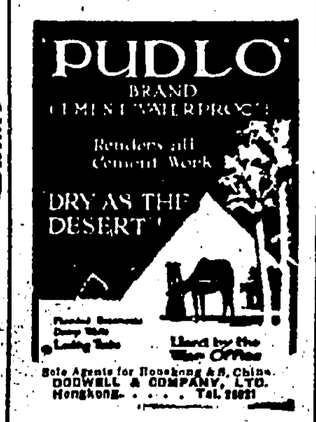

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HONGKONG C.C. TEAMS FOR SATURDAY.

The Hongkong C.C. teams are to meet the Indian R.C. seniors and juniors in league matches on Saturday, the First Division match being played at Sookumpoo and the Second in town.

For the game at Sookumpoo the Hongkong C.C. will be represented by the following players: H. Owen Hughes (Capt.), H. J. Armstrong, A. C. Beck, E. R. Duckitt, R. P. Edwards, H. L. F. Ewin, O. E. C. Marton, G. E. Mirehouse, E. J. R. Mitchell, J. R. Ratten and A. Reid.

I.R.C. 1st XI.

The following will represent the Indian Recreation Club 1st. XI in a League match against the Hongkong Cricket Club on the I. R. C. ground on Saturday, February 20.—A. A. Rumjahn (Capt.), F. D. Pereira, S. R. Kermani, A. H. Rumjahn, A. H. Madar, A. R. Minu, A. K. Minu, S. A. Ismail, O. Ismail, H. D. Rumjahn and F. M. el Arculli.

Junior Match.

The junior team of the Hongkong C.C. will be composed of the following: R. S. W. Patterson (Capt.), R. R. Davies, J. B. Davis, G. E. R. Divett, F. A. M. Elliott, C. E. Gahagan, L. D. Kilbee, P. W. J. Planner, L. B. Smith, J. M. Sunley and L. A. Whipps.

University v. Craigengower.

The Craigengower C.C. were to have played their final League match of the season against the University at Sookumpoo on Saturday but the game has since been postponed.

EASY VICTORY.

AUSTRALIA WINS BY AN INNINGS.

Melbourne, Feb. 15.

Australia won the fifth Test match resumed to-day, following no play on Saturday owing to rain—by an innings and 72 runs, the South Africans closing their second innings for 45 runs. Their first innings was a record low score, and the whole match has been unique.

South Africa, 1st Innings ..	36
Australia, 1st. Innings	153
South Africa—2nd. Innings.	
J. A. J. Christy, c and b Nash..	0
S. H. Curnow, c Fingleton, b Ironmonger	16
A. J. Bell, c McCabe, b O'Reilly	6
B. Mitchell, c Oldfield, b Ironmonger	4
H. B. Cameron, c McCabe, b O'Reilly	0
D. P. B. Morkel, c Rigg, b Ironmonger	0
H. W. Taylor, c Bradman, b Ironmonger	2
K. C. Viljoen, c Oldfield, b O'Reilly.	0
Q. McMillan, c Oldfield, b Ironmonger	0
C. L. Vincent, not out	8
N. A. Quinn, c Fingleton, b Ironmonger	5
Extras	4
Total	45

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Nash	7	4	4	1
Ironmonger	15	7	18	6
O'Reilly	9	5	19	3

—*Reuter.*

HOME FOOTBALL.

DRAW FOR SIXTH ROUND OF F.A. CUP.

London, Feb. 15.

The draw for the sixth round of the F. A. Cup, to be played on February 27, is:

Liverpool v. Sheffield Wednesday or Chelsea.
Bury v. Manchester City.
Huddersfield v. Arsenal.
Newcastle v. Watford.

—*Reuter.*

NEW RIFLE CLUB.

INAUGURATION MEETING YESTERDAY.

The inaugural meeting of the Hongkong Rifle Club was held in the Board Room of Messrs. Jardine Matheson & Co. Ltd., last evening when the Constitution, Rules and Bye-Laws were adopted and the officers for the year elected.

Mr. R. M. Dyer presided and, in detailing the work that had been done since the previous meeting, said:

For many years past there have existed in Hongkong a number of small rifle clubs of a semi-private nature.

Towards the end of 1930 a number of members connected with the Rifle League felt that what was really needed was a Hongkong Rifle Club, and as a result of their efforts, a meeting was held in this room (Jardine's Board Room) on January 17, 1931, to discuss the formation of such a Club.

At this meeting it was decided to go ahead and a Committee was appointed to deal with the construction of a rifle range and draw up the Rules and Bye-laws.

During the past 12 months the Committee have fulfilled their task. Many difficulties have been met, but these have been largely overcome and the retiring Committee wish to be placed on record the great help and assistance they have received from the Government in many matters connected with the formation of the Club.

The Government granted the site for the range and provided the funds for building it. They granted assistance in the survey of the ground and the laying out of the firing points. His Excellency has kindly consented to become the Patron of the Club.

Difficulties Overcome.

One of the greatest difficulties that the Committee has had to contend with was that of the supply of ammunition. The cost of 0.303 ammunition purchased locally has ranged from $16 to $20 per 100 rounds. The Committee realised that such a cost was prohibitive and that unless something could be done about it, the formation of the Club might as well be abandoned. It was found that men connected with the Services, the Volunteers and the Police were in position to obtain ammunition at somewhat privileged rates and on the matter being submitted to Government, the latter after consideration expressed their willingness to give the Club a small grant towards the cost of ammunition to those to whom the privileged rates did not apply. This grant has made the formation of the Club a possibility. One of the causes of the delay in the formation of the Club has been that the Committee did not feel free to go ahead and spend Government funds on the building of the range until they could see their way to a proper solution of the ammunition difficulty.

The Committee has now done its work, the range is built and the Rules and Bye-laws drawn up. A draft of these is in your hands and the adoption of these will be considered in a few minutes.

One matter which should be made clear is the terms of membership. The membership of the Club is not open to all, the Government in granting the Club financial assistance has laid down precisely those to whom membership of the Club is open. These are:

Members of the Services.
Ex-service men.
Volunteers.
Ex-volunteers who have attained efficiency here or in some other part of the Empire.
Members of the Police Force.
Police Reservists.
Ex-Reservists who have received the Police Reserve Silver Badge.
Ladies.

The Government has laid down that the membership of the Club shall not be open to those who while being eligible to join the Volunteers or Police Reserve do not belong to either organisation.

The Club if formed will commence to function as soon as the new Committee gets to work. The Annual Subscription suggested is Five Dollars. Members will be divided into Classes according to their shooting ability and Competitions will be held monthly for the men in each Class. An Annual Rifle Meeting will also be held. It is hoped that facilities for revolver shooting will be provided later on, on the Range.

Rifle League.

It has been suggested that the running of the Rifle League might well be in the hands of the Rifle Club and it is suggested that in addition to a General Secretary, a Rifle League Secretary and a Competitions Secretary be appointed, the former to attend to all matters connected with the Rifle League and the latter to deal with the arrangements for the monthly competitions.

I therefore have much pleasure in proposing that the Hongkong Rifle Club be formed.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

After some discussion on the question of the annual subscription it was decided that members be asked to pay $10 per year or $1 per month.

The officers for the ensuing year were then elected as follows: President, Mr. R. M. Dyer; Chairman, Mr. B. Wylie; General Secretary, Mr. A. H. Stedman; League Secretary, Mr. R. S. Starling; Competition Secretary, Mr. J. L. Tetley; Hon. Treasurer Mr. Ratty; General Committee, Messrs. G. Duncan, E. R. Dovey and a representative from the Services.

Before the meeting concluded the chairman expressed a vote of thanks to all those who had assisted in the formation of the Club. He also proposed a vote of thanks to Messrs. Jardine Matheson & Co. Ltd., for the use of the room.

MAMAK HOCKEY.

RADIO SPORTS TO PLAY POLICE.

The Radio Sports Club are due to play the Police in the Mamak Hockey Competition on Thursday at 5 p.m. on the Marina ground. The following have been selected to play for the Radio team: A. Spary; Parduman Singh, J. S. Grewal; M. H. Hassan, Atma Singh, Mohinder Singh; Harbahajan Singh, A. E. P. Guest, Gurbachan Singh, Kalwant Singh and F. A. Kemp. Reserves:—J. T. K. Gilchrist and Surjin Singh.

Match Postponed.

The match fixed for yesterday between the Radio Sports Club and the Central British Association has been postponed, pending, it is understood, the result of an appeal lodged by the C.B.A. against the decision of their former match with the Radio team, who won by the only goal scored.

Club v. Jats.

On the U.S.R.C. ground to-morrow afternoon at 5 p.m. the Hongkong Hockey Club first eleven will play the Jat Regiment, the civilians being represented by the following players: G. Duncan; J. Rodger, W. Woodward; W. A. Reed, A. A. Dand, E. V. Reed; H. Owen-Hughes, G. E. R. Divett, C. C. Francis, D. B. Evans, J. L. Tetley.

LOCAL YACHTING.

THE NINTH LADIES' CHAMPIONSHIP.

The R.H.K. Yacht Club races for the ninth Ladies' Championship were sailed yesterday, the course being Channel Rocks (P), Kowloon Rock (P), Cust Rock Mark (P), Channel Rocks (S), a distance of 7.3 miles. The results were as follow:

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Sisken	(4) 75	Miss Mackie
Diana	(2) 45	Mrs. Bingham
Dorothea	(3) 46	Miss Blake

"F" "Y" and "G" Class.

Daphne	(2) 111	Miss Stokes
Alba	(5) 114	Mrs. Lambert
Why Wonder?	(7) 73	Mrs. Fowkes
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Speedwell	(3) 116	Mrs. Stewart
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SCARRED BY NITRIC ACID.

REMARKABLE INCIDENT DESCRIBED.

Allegations that he had thrown corrosive fluid over a Chinese causing grievous bodily harm were made against Tsui Pun when he appeared before Mr. Justice Lindsell at the Criminal Sessions yesterday afternoon.

Accused was charged with throwing the acid at Wong Min-tong in October last. He pleaded not guilty to the charge. He was not legally represented.

Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith prosecuted and the jury was composed of Messrs. A. W. Smith (foreman), P.W. Osbourne, W.R. Wilkinson, C. H. Basto, F.W. James, J. H. de Figueiredo and G.W. Fato.

In opening the case, Mr. Whyte-Smith said the victim was an assistant stall-holder at a stall near the junction of Tsin Wan Street and Hollywood Road. It would be shown that at 11 p.m. on October 29, the victim went to sleep near an adjacent stall and was awakened at 3.30 a.m. by someone who pulled the quilt from over his face. He looked up and saw the accused, whom he had known for some time. The accused then poured some fluid on his face, causing great pain. The victim shouted out "Save life" and accused ran away.

Important Discovery.

One important piece of evidence would be that two bottles were later discovered, said Mr. Whyte-Smith. One on the top of the stall, which, on being sent to the analyst was found to contain corrosive acid and another, found in defendant's room, which was of similar design with the same label, but containing ordinary medicine. Both bottles had the same labels, showing they were from a Wing On and Co., but not from Messrs. Wing On Company, of Des Voeux Road Central. The bottles obviously came from a Chinese store in Canton.

Evidence would also be given to show that at 6 p.m. on October 29, the accused purchased nitric acid from a druggist in the bottle found on the stall.

A Quarrel.

The motive suggested was that the victim and defendant had known one another for some time and had had a quarrel over a loan. The accused admitted the quarrel, but denied throwing the fluid over the victim.

Mr. E. R. Dovey, public analyst, gave evidence concerning the bottle found on top of the stall containing corrosive acid of 83.2 per cent. strength. In reply to His Lordship, he said that nitric acid was easily procurable in Hongkong, as it was used extensively for trade purposes. One ounce of the fluid would be sufficient to cause the injuries inflicted on the victim.

After further evidence for the prosecution had been given, the proceedings were adjourned until this morning.

ROOM FOR HOPE.

SIR JOHN SIMON ON DISARMAMENT.

London, Feb. 15.

"There are many difficulties to overcome, but the Disarmament Conference has made a good start," Sir John Simon told Reuter upon his arrival at Victoria from Paris to-night.

Sir John said that he thought the Conference would begin its detailed work within a fortnight. He added that the indications were that everybody meant business, but it would be foolish to imagine that the difficulties in the way of reaching effective results were not great.

Regarding Reparations, Sir John Simon expressed considerable satisfaction that the Lausanne Conference should start with a programme which is expressed in agreed terms. *Reuter's Special Service.*

Conference Resumed.

London, Feb. 15.

When the Disarmament Conference resumed at Geneva this morning, the delegates of Turkey, Portugal and Norway were the first speakers.

Tewfik Rushid Bey supported the abolition of military aeroplanes and the internationalisation of civil aviation, and gave general support to the Italian disarmament plan.

Senhor Branco (Portugal) favoured compulsory arbitration and suppression of all offensive armaments, and argued that the economic crisis was in direct relation with the colossal expenditure on war budgets.

Hr. Colban (Norway) spoke of the necessity of a reduction of all armaments, abolition of all offensive arms, and protection of the civilian population. He would discuss with interest any scheme for the organisation of an international force.—*British Wireless.*

Optimism Prevails.

London, Feb. 15.

It is long since City correspondents were so optimistic as to-day, reviewing prospects in the light of international developments. The American Federal Reserve Bank scheme encourages the belief that gold will tend to return to a normal position, and it is also possible that there will be an improvement in world prices.

The Anglo-French reparations conference agreement is highly praised, with general endorsement of M. Laval's words, when interviewed in Paris, "We at least have entered the right road. There will be no more blundering up and down blind turnings."

Political correspondents promise a shilling reduction in income tax in the next budget.

The *Times* is of opinion that the only hindrance to the export trade is the scarcity of sterling holdings in non-gold countries, which has caused many to restrict payments abroad. Prohibition of sterling export must reduce the capacity of foreign countries to pay sterling debts or purchase British goods.—*Reuter.*

FIVE YEARS HARD LABOUR.

CHINESE YOUTH SENTENCED ON SERIOUS CHARGE.

Five years hard labour was the sentence imposed upon Li Mun, a Chinese convicted yesterday at the Criminal Sessions of carnal knowledge of Tam Mei-yuk, a little girl aged eight years, at Mongkoktsui, on October 16, 1931.

The accused was originally charged with rape, but this indictment was altered when the Chief Justice (Sir Joseph Kemp) in his summing up showed that a child aged eight was not old enough to appreciate the action and could therefore neither give consent nor withhold it.

Accused's Defence.

In giving evidence on his own behalf, accused denied the allegations made against him and contended that the child had been taught to state them. He suggested that the amah might have taught her as he and she had quarreled over a slight matter. He also denied that he had made any confession to the child's mother, and pointed out that if he had, why had she not caused his arrest immediately? He also pleaded that he had not run away which proved that he was not guilty.

After a short deliberation, the jury returned a verdict of guilty of carnal knowledge, and His Lordship imposed the sentence as stated. Sir Joseph added that he had passed a lenient sentence for two reasons: because of accused's youth and because the offence had not been sufficient to inflict injury to the child.

CANTON CHAIRMAN.

APPOINTMENT OF MR. LIN YUN-KOY.

Canton, Feb. 15.

On the resignation of Mr. C. C. Wu from the post of Chairman of the Kwangtung Provincial Government, Mr. Lin Yun-koy, the former Chairman and for some years Mayor of Canton, has been elected.

Mr. Lin Yun-koy has signified his willingness to accept. He is a follower of General Chan Chai-tong.

No Radical Changes.

Canton, Feb. 15.

The newly appointed chairman of the Kwangtung Provincial Government, Mr. Lin Yun-koy, will assume his duties to-morrow.

It is not expected that there will be any radical changes in the portfolios in the Provincial departments, as many of the officials served under Mr. Lin Yun-koy, as former Chairman of the Provincial Government and one-time Mayor of Canton.—*Renuka.*

CITY HALL CLOSING.

INTERESTING COMMENTS BY CHURCH JOURNAL.

Speaking of the sudden decision to close the City Hall, the current issue of *St. John's Review* remarks:

It is the Amateur Dramatic Club and the Philharmonic Society who will feel the loss most but it may prove a blessing in disguise, for the Theatre Royal left a good deal to be desired. Whatever plans may be in mind for the rebuilding of the City Hall we hope that there will be in it a Theatre worthy of the Colony, for in spite of the popularity of the Talkies we are convinced that they will never be able to "get across" in the way that the living, tangible person can. Philips Brooks called preaching "Truth through personality" and it may be said of the highest form of dramatic art that it inspires and gives its message "through" personality."

One other point. In England the City Hall or Town or Guild Hall is not only a landmark but the centre of the reawakening civic consciousness, the symbol of the City's life. It is a public possession and a public pride. Money and skill are lavished on it to make the building worthy of its purpose. We hope that it may be so here. We should like to see the distinction of being the Architect of the new City Hall thrown open to competition. Plans could be submitted from all parts of the Empire and some high authority invited to be judge. Our own local architects would be encouraged to submit plans and the selection would be made by merit alone. This has been done at home with notable results, as, for instance, in the case of Liverpool Cathedral where the winner was only 21 years of age.

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Among the citations which comprised the Lesson-Sermon was the following from the Bible.—"O bless our God, ye people, and make the voice of his praise to be heard: which holdeth our soul in life, and suffereth not our feet to be moved." (Ps. 66; 8,9.)

The Lesson-Sermon also included the following passage from the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health, with Key to the Scriptures," by Mary Baker Eddy.—"So long as we believe that soul can sin or that immortal Soul is in mortal body, we can never understand the Science of being. When humanity does understand this Science, it will become the law of Life to man,—even the higher law of Soul, which prevails over material sense through harmony and immortality." (P. 311.)

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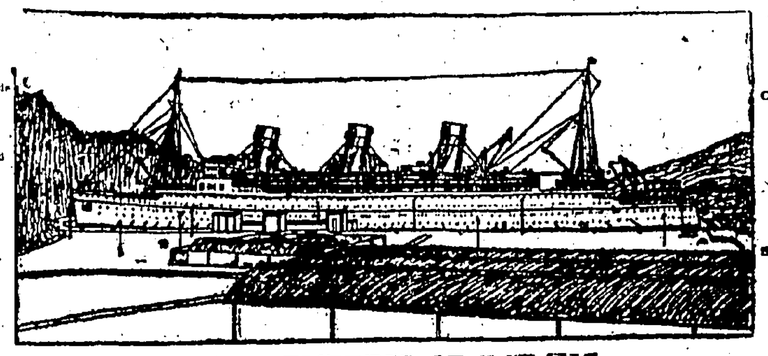

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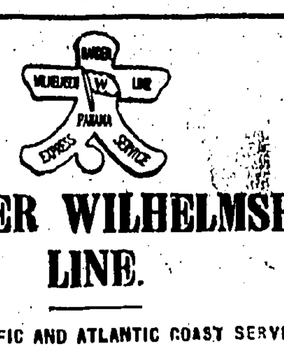

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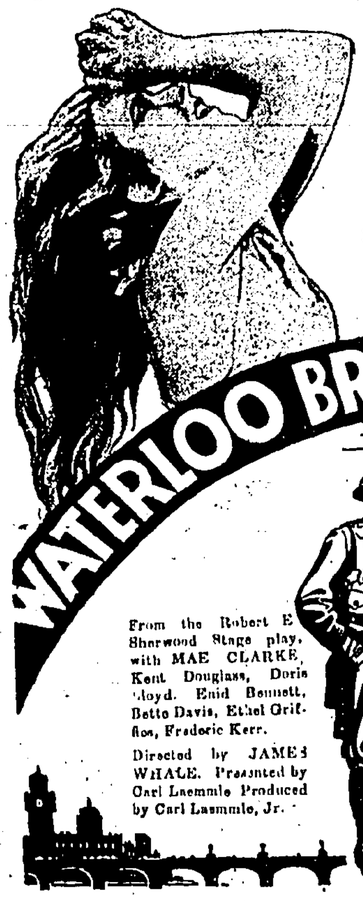

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DEATH RISK TO FIND PLANTS.

EXPLORER'S RARE HAUL IN TIBET.

An extraordinary story of hardship and adventure on the mountainous borderland of Tibet and Burma has reached the Natural History Museum, South Kensington, from Mr. F. Kingdon Ward, naturalist and explorer.

The letter indicates that Mr. Ward successfully penetrated a 15,000ft. pass into Tibet, remained there for three weeks, and is now back in civilisation with what is expected to prove a rich haul of new and rare plants.

Mr. Ward has obtained specimens of 1,200 species, many of which are certain to be new, in addition to seeds of rare plants.

So great is the demand for new seeds from these unexplored mountains, particularly of rhododendrons, that the finding of a few new species may be sufficient in itself to justify an expedition. Such seeds are seldom on the open market, buyers being confined to a limited number of rich horticulturalists.

High prices are also paid for seeds of rare primula, magnolia, and new rock plants, while the great museums of the world present a ready market for dried specimens. One specimen of each species found by Mr. Ward will come to the South Kensington Museum in return for the work of identification.

Describing his journey from the head of the Adang River in Upper Burma into Tibet, Mr. Ward writes:

"Our Alpine camp (at 12,000ft.), where we spent two and a half months in the rainy season, was only a few hours march from the pass (15,300ft.); in fact, I climbed to the pass and back in the day.

Pouring Rain.

"Eventually, on September 1, we started with nine coolies, crossed the pass in pouring rain, and descending the other side, reached the first village in Tibet on the third day. But the Tibetans were not as pleased to see us as we were to see them and were covertly hostile.

"I hung on at our outpost on the Burma frontier until October 19, when we evacuated the position, but had almost as much difficulty during our further retirement down the Adung as during the advance into Tibet.

"Our coolies, having exhausted their food—and us too—left us like babes in the wood. Eventually two naked coolies—nudism is practised here less as a cult than as a necessity—arrived with the mail.

"My companion and I seized them, and, with two loads, travelled light down the valley to the next camp, then sending the coolies back for two more loads. Fortune smiled on us again and chose this precise moment to send us from Tibet a present of two unladen coolies, prodding and hauling a reluctant cow to be added to a village herd."

On arrival at his old base camp Mr. Ward found that the party had narrowly escaped death from an avalanche of hundreds of tons of granite, which had descended in the night and wiped out the camp.

Narrow Escape.

"The scene of devastation which greeted us was deeply impressive," writes Mr. Ward. "Apparently a cloud-burst upstairs. A gold dredger could not even yet have exhumed our remains if we had been sleeping in the camp that night. The three huts comprising the village escaped literally by yards."

Hitherto unknown glaciers which are the source of the Adung River were also explored by the expedition.

"Plant growth in the Himalayas," the Keeper of Botany at the museum informed a press representative is notably luxuriant. The exploration of its flora and a knowledge of its geographical distribution is of great scientific importance.

"The Himalayas often prove the clue to the lines along which plants have spread, often to the Malay and Western China along the valleys on either side. A second collector, from whom material may be expected for the museum, is now working in Yunnan province, while a number of Japanese collectors have obtained good results."

ARMY DIVORCE SUIT.

WIFE'S FRIENDSHIP WITH OFFICER.

"This case cannot be passed without my observing that the petitioner is an officer in the Army, and the co-respondent, who is an officer of some senior rank in the Army, has seduced the petitioner's wife."

This observation was made by the President, Lord Merrivale, in the Divorce Court recently in granting a decree nisi, with costs, to Major Herbert Orr Sutherland, of the Northumberland Fusiliers, now stationed abroad, on the ground of the adultery of his wife, Eileen Dendy Sutherland, with Colonel Guy George Waterhouse.

Mr. T. Bucknill, counsel for Major Sutherland, in reply to the President, said that he understood that the Colonel was still on the active list.

The marriage took place in 1920 at St. James's Piccadilly, and the parties afterwards lived together at Walton and Hythe. There were two children. Major Sutherland met Colonel Waterhouse in 1930, and afterwards became suspicious of his relations with Mrs. Sutherland, who ultimately wrote refusing to live with her husband again.

Major Sutherland was given the custody of the children.

The petition was not defended.

SPAIN TO SELL WARSHIPS.

SIXTEEN VESSELS "SCRAPPED."

Madrid, Jan. 14.

The Minister of Marine has been authorised to sell by auction four cruisers, three destroyers, one gunboat, six torpedo-boats, one submarine, and a fisheries protection vessel, according to a decree published in the "official journal."

What at first sight might appear to be a first-class Disarmament gesture, if not actually a grimace, on the part of Spain, appears on inspection to be more akin to the action of the late Lord Fisher when he ruthlessly scrapped a large part of the Navy which he regarded as obsolete. In this case the 16 warships are all vessels long since "over-age," according to the rules of the London Naval Treaty, and the men and money released will thus be available for the five new Spanish vessels now completing.

Though the residual Spanish Fleet is not large, it is a well-balanced fighting force, consisting of:

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If all Navies followed the example of Spain in accepting as obsolete their overage tonnage the residual Fleets, unlike the Spanish Fleet, would shrink to a shadow of their present imposing bulks.

PLOT TO SHOOT MINISTER.

UNEMPLOYED WAITER.

Vienna, Jan. 15.

The police of Graz have discovered that an attempt on the life of the Minister of the Interior, Dr. Winkler, was being planned to be executed during the latter's stay in Graz.

The plan was thwarted by the timely arrest of an unemployed waiter and two accomplices belonging to the Heimwehr. A revolver was found in the waiter's possession.

The police were given warning of the plot by two Nazis to whom the waiter had confided his intention of shooting Dr. Winkler when he came to Graz. Dr. Winkler is bitterly hated by the members of the Heimwehr.

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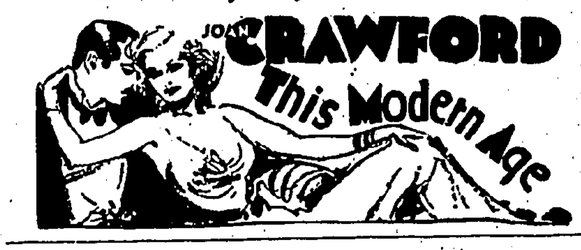

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DAY OF JAPAN'S GREAT OFFENSIVE AT HAND.

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FAMOUS GERMAN WIRE SYSTEM.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT).

SHANGHAI, Feb. 16, 10 a.m.

THE DAY OF THE JAPANESE GENERAL OFFENSIVE ON THE CHAPEI AND KIANGWAN FRONTS IS UNDOUBTEDLY AT HAND.

Preparations for a great drive are proceeding within and behind the Japanese lines, the utmost secrecy being observed. Neither foreigners nor Chinese are permitted anywhere near the Japanese sphere of operations, but the feverish activity on the landing of fresh forces, their quick despatch to the scene of impending hostilities, give an inkling as to the weight of the blow it is intended to launch.

In their turn, the Nineteenth Route Army, which is being heavily reinforced, fresh troops and guns having arrived from Nanking, is preparing to put up stubborn defence, and the nature of their defensive preparations indicates that there is a sound military brain directing the defence scheme.

A whole series of lines, strongly sandbagged trenches and barricades, have been constructed, every obstacle to infantry in the way of barbed wire entanglements will be presented to the Japanese attacks, their most serious test being an amazing network of *stacheldrat*, which increases the belief that the Chinese Command have the assistance of German military experts.

SCREEN OF SENTRIES.

There is clearly no prospect of the Chinese forces withdrawing voluntarily and in fact the Japanese have always proceeded on the assumption that the big drive would necessary.

In the direction of Kiangwan and throughout the whole of the Yangtszepoo district, there is tremendous Japanese activity, veiled by a screen of sentries, who have strict orders that not a single observer is to be permitted to pass into the area of war preparations.

PASSES IGNORED.

Passes, no matter by whom they are signed, are simply ignored. No-one is allowed to pass.

As fast as they are coming in, the Japanese troops are being placed in position, awaiting the order to attack.

Chapei and the North Station districts were comparatively quiet this morning, and both sides are more concerned with getting everything in readiness for the real showdown than with any slight damage that can be inflicted now.

The Chinese have strung the famous *stacheldrat* in hundreds and hundreds of rows, all the way from Jukong Road to the blockhouse on Honan Road.

These "tanglefoots" are strung in and out from posts in the middle sections, supported by chairs, tables and other suitable barriers.

Such a defence barrier is absolutely impregnable. Infantry wire-cutters are helpless against it. And an infantry attack would just lead to appalling losses unless the *stacheldrat* was first removed.

PAOSHAN NEEDS.

Only by a terrific bombardment, sufficient to blow it to pieces, accompanied by tank action, is likely to make possible an advance on or across Paoshan by the Japanese possible.

Investigations reveal that the Chinese positions at the North Station and the north sector of the line as far as the Kiangwan racecourse, behind the railroad, have been heavily reinforced, and tremendous preparations for the defensive are in progress.

The order is that the Chinese forces are to resist to the last man.

THE NIGHT STRAFE.

Shanghai, Feb. 16, 10.27 a.m.

All night long, the Japanese artillery at Hongkew Park and other places of vantage, bombarded the Chinese lines, the Chinese replying at times.

This morning, however, there was a further lull.

Further Japanese troops are expected to-day bringing the total up to 30,000, with the bluejackets and the marines already ashore. It is understood that the newly arrived troops are preparing to enter the Chapei lines as soon as possible. In order to relieve the marines and bluejackets, who have been on duty continuously for more than a fortnight.

The Japanese have now landed sixteen tanks, ten of the large variety and six of the "whippet" type, all equipped with quick-firing light ordnance.—*Reuter.*

NEXT FEW DAYS WILL DECIDE.

MORE JAPANESE TROOPS MAY BE SENT.

Tokyo, Feb. 16.

The Minister for War, meeting members of the Press late last night, indicated that the despatch of further military reinforcements to Shanghai might be necessitated as it had been reported that the Nineteenth Route Army was being strongly reinforced and preparing a stubborn resistance.

The War Minister, who subsequently saw Mr. Yoshizawa, the Foreign Minister, intimated to the Press that the developments of the next few days would decide whether further reinforcements were necessary.—*Reuter.*

6,000 LANDED DURING YESTERDAY.

MORE MEN ARRIVING TO-DAY.

(Our Own Correspondent).

Shanghai, Feb. 16.

The Japanese transports which

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Japanese marines bringing fairly heavy guns into action on the Chapei lines from Honkew Park.

AMAZING REPAIR FEAT BY N. Z. AVIATOR.

DANGLING FROM A STRAP.

UPSIDE DOWN IN RAINSTORM.

(Reuter's Special Service).

Wellington, N. Z. Feb. 15.

The annals of aviation carry few records of feats more remarkable than that accomplished by a noted New Zealand air-pilot to-day.

Hanging with his head downward for over an hour, while one of his passengers was clinging to a strap lashed to his heels and a fellow-pilot was heading his machine through a driving rainstorm, an airman named Blackmore successfully completed amazing aerial repairs.

Blackmore, with his colleagues, was participating in mass formation flying over New Plymouth and when attempting to land bumped heavily.

WHEEL-BOLT BREAKS.

The shock caused one of the bolts on the landing wheels to break and immediately realising the peril of alighting, the practical certainty of a smash, Blackmore opened the throttle and re-ascended again, shouting "I am off to Hamilton."

In the course of the flight to Hamilton, where Blackmore's home aerodrome was situated, he carried out repairs to the damaged wheel in mid-air, and landed safely.

He was hanging upside down for over an hour, with a slender strap taking his full weight!

TEN YEARS FOR ACID-THROWING.

SESSIONS CASE CONCLUDES.

Describing the offence as a disgustingly revolting crime, Mr. Justice Lindsell, at the Criminal Sessions this morning, sentenced a Chinese to ten years' hard labour for throwing corrosive acid on a young foki of a stall.

Evidence was given by a Chinese sergeant and Inspector K. W. Andrew that prisoner (Tsui Pun) was dressed in clothing of a yellowish-white colour, when arrested but when his Lordship asked for the clothing to be produced Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith, for the Crown, stated he did not know what had happened to it.

His Lordship remarked it was very extraordinary that steps were not taken to keep such a very important part of the evidence.

Telling his story from the witness box, prisoner said on the evening in question he first of all smoked opium and then went to the Ko Shing Theatre, which place he left after eleven o'clock, returned home and went to bed. He said he could give no explanation regarding the finding of the bottle in his room nor of the evidence given against him that he was seen walking hurriedly from the scene of the acid throwing, and complainant's identification.

In reply to his Lordship, prisoner stated that as the clothes he was wearing when arrested were torn, he changed into another suit at the gaol and threw the torn clothing into the gaol rubbish heap.

Giving evidence on prisoner's behalf, his father stated that prisoner returned to the house at about eleven o'clock and went to bed. He did not go out again until the police arrived.

CHINA'S RIGHTS DISCUSSED.

QUESTION IN HOUSE OF COMMONS.

PEACE FAILURE.

London, Feb. 15.

Several questions relating to the Far Eastern situation were answered by the Foreign Secretary, Sir John Simon, in the House of Commons.

There had, he said, been little change in the situation at Shanghai in the last few days, except for the arrival of Japanese reinforcements.

The British Minister in China reached Shanghai last week and, in accordance with instructions, had been exerting himself in every possible way, both by using his good offices with the Chinese and Japanese authorities, and by consultation with the representatives of the other Powers, including the United States, with a view to securing an agreement for the cessation of fighting.

Sir John Simon deeply regretted that these efforts had not yet borne fruit but they were being continued.

China's Rights.

As to the Chinese appeal to the League, Article XV of the Covenant provided that a dispute submitted to the Council shall be referred to the Assembly at the request of either party to the dispute, provided the request made within 14 days after the submission of the dispute to the Council.

The Chinese representative made the request before the fourteen days expired, and consequently, if he so desired, the dispute was automatically referred to the Assembly. The report to the Council by the officers appointed to investigate the causes and continuance of the dispute, together with the subsequent report, which had now reached Geneva, formed part of the material collected for the consideration of the Council. Another portion of the material would be statements by the parties to the dispute and the Article provided that the council may direct their publication.

Publicity Suggested.

He would urge that the documents should be made publicly available at the earliest moment. The gravity and urgency of the matter were in the minds of all members of the Council and he trusted there would be better news without much longer delay.

How soon the Assembly could meet and what it could do when it met were questions demanding careful consideration. The Council was still sitting and he hoped to return there as soon as possible. —*British Wireless.*

CREDIT EXTENSION BILL PASSED.

AMERICA'S FINANCES.

Washington, Feb. 15.

The House of Representatives this evening passed the Credit Extension Bill.—*Reuter.*

MILL-HANDS INVADE OFFICE OF CITIZEN'S COMMITTEE.

POLICE RUSHED TO SCENE.

TROUBLE FEARED.

(Our Own Correspondent).

Shanghai, Feb. 16, 10 a.m.

Apprehension that the influx of refugees and the widespread unemployment among the Chinese will lead to serious internal complications in the Settlement, were nearly realised yesterday.

Approximately one thousand unemployed mill-hands, it is believed, invaded the offices of the Citizens' Emergency Committee, on Szechuan Road, yesterday afternoon and demanded relief in the form of money and food supplies.

REFUSE TO LEAVE.

The invaders took possession of the building, paying no regard to the persuasive efforts of the officials, and refused to leave until monetary assistance was forthcoming.

The police were sent for urgently and a large squad was rushed to the building from the Central Police Station.

RIOT THREAT.

The unemployed continued to issue threats after the police arrived, declaring that they would return and wreck the Committee's offices unless a scheme was devised for affording assistance to the distressed workmen and their families.

Eventually they were prevailed upon by the police and members of the Bureau of Social Affairs who happened to be present to retire without causing a serious disturbance.

It was not necessary for the police to employ force to disperse the demonstrators.

Although the matter passed off quietly, however, the incident is giving rise to considerable anxiety. This is the second attempt by the unemployed mill hands to obtain relief by demonstration in the course of a week.

CHINA WINS OUT AT GENEVA.

THE ASSEMBLY TO MEET.

AN INEVITABLE OUTCOME.

Geneva, Feb. 15.

A special meeting of the League Assembly, called on the demand of Mr. W. W. Yen, the Chinese delegate to the League of Nations, is now regarded as inevitable.

There is, of course, no foundation for the suggestion that it will be necessary to postpone the Disarmament Conference during the session of the Assembly as there will be no difficulty in holding plenary sessions of both the Disarmament Conference and the Assembly at the same time.

American quarters flatly deny the rumour that the United States will participate in the meeting of the League Assembly.

The Council of twelve met this afternoon and will probably meet again to-morrow morning.—*Reuter.*

AN APOLOGY TO AMERICA.

MANHANDLING OF MRS. YOUNG.

(Our Own Correspondent).

Shanghai, Feb. 16, 10.00 a.m.

It is understood that the Japanese Consul-General has tendered apologies to Mr. Cunningham for the manhandling by Japanese ronins of the American Consul, Mr. Arthur Ringwalt, and Mrs. Young.

Mrs. Young's seven-year-old daughter, Peggy, is said to be still in her mother's house, which is near the Japanese lines.

SHANGHAI "WAR" COSTS.

LAKH OF TAELS FOR VOLUNTEERS.

(Our Own Correspondent).

Shanghai, Feb. 16.

It is revealed that the existence of a State of Emergency is costing the ratepayers of the International Settlement approximately one hundred thousand taels weekly.

The majority of this sum is taken up by the cost of mobilising and feeding the Shanghai Volunteer Corps.

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UNIVERSITY DEBATE.

SHOULD NATIVE DOCTORS BE ABOLISHED?

A most interesting debate between the Education Society and the Medical Society of the Hongkong University was held in the Union Assembly Hall last night, the subject being "That native doctors should be replaced by western trained practitioners." Messrs. Yeoh Guan-eng and Tan Hee-choo, were proposer and seconder respectively, while Mr. Chon Koxik was ably assisted by Miss K. Lai as the opposition. The chair was occupied by Mr. Li Ka-tung, of the Education Society.

In introducing the speakers, the Chairman pointed out that the subject was of special interest not only to medical practitioners and those who were undergoing Western training at the University, but also to those who were sick and in ill-health.

Mr. Eng said that the question of native doctors came into prominence because of the superiority of the western trained practitioners. Some time ago attempts were made by the National Government to legalise the native doctors, by making them undergo an examination before they were allowed to commence practice, but nothing has yet materialised.

Special Training.

He contended that the western trained practitioner was better than the native doctor, not only because he was in possession of his diplomas, but also because he had a systematic training, was trustworthy, and observed a strict medical etiquette, especially in relation to the Drug Act; and he underwent a system of training that took six years to complete.

On the other hand, any unqualified person could read a few books, and after a while hang out a sign and call himself a doctor. No such things as X-rays, chloroform, or ether were known to native doctors. They did not believe in the presence of germs, but ascribed all diseases to heat, cold and wind.

The Other Side.

Mr. Koxik, in reply, pointed out that it would be impossible to discuss such a subject without going into the native system, which was based on over 5,000 years' experience, an experience of trial and error. No native doctor could continue his practice if he killed one or two of his patients, and he contended that the native system had stood the test of time. The western viewpoint was always associated with bacteria, while the native's was something akin to philosophy.

Mr. Choo ably seconded the proposal, and stressed reasons for the abolition of native doctors.

Miss Lai pointed out the speakers for the proposal had not mentioned the innumerable cases where diseases, incurable according to western standards, had been cured by native doctors, and said that if the native doctors were replaced by western practitioners, no-one would make a study of the valuable medicinal contributions the former have made, which would eventually be lost to the world.

Several other members of the society entered the discussion, including Professor W. J. Gerrard, who said, in reply to a statement by the last speaker, that western practitioners would be only too glad to utilise the native herbal medicines, if they were found beneficial. He instanced several cases of a disease that was uncurable by western practitioners and he had repeatedly made efforts to obtain a certain native herb, which was said to be a cure. However, none had so far been forthcoming and he could only assume that the native doctors did not trust their cures.

After several other speakers had offered their quota to the debate, which proved most interesting throughout, a vote was put to the meeting, and by a narrow margin a negative vote was recorded, 42 voting for, and 43 against, the proposal.

NO COMPLAINTS.

CHARGES OF LARCENY NOT SUBSTANTIATED.

In the absence of complainants in respect of a quantity of cotton yarn which was found on board a sampan anchored off the praya wall recently, four Chinese who appeared before Mr. Wynne Jones at the Central Police Court yesterday were all acquitted.

Mr. A. Covey represented the first two defendants while Mr. H. L. Dennys appeared for the third. The fourth was not represented.

At the outset Detective Sergeant Johnson, who prosecuted said, that he had been instructed to withdraw the charge against the fourth defendant, as it was proposed to call him as a witness for the Crown, but he would like to mention that the Police had not been able to trace the owners of the yarn, although in the charge the China Navigation Company were stated to be the complainants.

In reply to his Worship the officer said that he did not propose to withdraw against the other three defendants but asked his Worship to discharge them.

All defendants were accordingly discharged.

NEW ZEALAND.

THE WONDERLAND OF THE SOUTH PACIFIC.

There will be an opportunity of seeing world famed scenes of New Zealand at the Peninsula Hotel Roof Garden at 9.30 p.m. next Sunday evening, the 21st. New Zealand is the Wonderland of the Pacific, and has been described as "the Sample-room of Nature, for this fortunate country (the remnant of a vast continent) has a comprehensive exhibition of all the best kinds of scenery that a world traveller could wish to see as a compensation for going so far afield from more populous countries.

Nature has been generous to this Brighter Britain of the South. Besides scenic and travel, there will be educational films on the life of the bee, and other interesting pictures.

The price of admission is $1 50 and the proceeds will be devoted to the Society of the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, and Ministering Children's League. The Films have been kindly lent by Miss C. Crichton Imrie.

OBITUARY.

MR. HU HAN-MIN'S BROTHER.

The death of Mr. Hu Ching-shui, the only brother of Mr. Hu Han-min, the Kuomintang Rightist leader now on retirement in Hongkong, occurred on Sunday at his residence in Robinson Road. The late Mr. Hu Ching-shui is survived by his wife, five sons and four daughters. His eldest son, Mr. Hu Hang-shing, is an official serving in the Canton Government.

A native of Kwangtung, Mr. Hu Ching-shui was a well known Chinese scholar in his younger days and at various times he served the Canton Government in association with his younger brother, Mr. Hu Han-min. The deceased had been in indifferent health for some years and on account of this had been on retirement in Hongkong. He was a firm believer in Buddhism.

WATERLOO BRIDGE.

TO HAVE SIX LINES OF TRAFFIC.

London, Feb. 15.

The London County Council will to-morrow consider the recommendation of its Improvements Committee favouring replacement of Waterloo Bridge by a new bridge at a cost of £1,295,000, with six lines of traffic.—*British Wireless.*

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PEAK ROAD THEFT.

YOUNG CHINESE SENTENCED FOR LARCENY.

Property belonging to Mr. W. L. Marshall, of the Standard Oil Company of New York, was alleged to have been stolen from 18, Peak Road, the residence of Mr. H. H. Petherick, by a young Chinese who appeared before Mr. Wynne Jones at the Central Police Court yesterday.

The defendant denied the charge.

Detective Sergeant D. Fitches stated that on Saturday afternoon at about 1 o'clock the defendant was seen on the drying roof of 18, Peak Road. He had an overcoat and a suit of clothing in his hands, having removed them from a line on the roof. The house coolie who saw the defendant chased him, the accused jumping from the roof, a height of 15 feet before being caught by the cook on the ground floor.

The defendant's story was that he had asked an amah whether a certain man lived on the premises and was directed to the first floor where he would find his friend.

After Mr. Petherick identified the property as that of Mr. Marshall who was now in Manila, a wash amah gave evidence denying that she had ever seen the defendant on Saturday. She denied that she had told him his friend was on the first floor of the house.

Sentence of three months' hard labour was passed.

AN AMBULANCE DRIVER FINED.

CONVICTED OF DANGEROUS DRIVING.

The case in which a motor-ambulance driver attached to the Fire Brigade was summoned for dangerous driving in Stubbs Road in December last was concluded before Mr. Schofield at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon.

Mrs. J. W. Franks, wife of the Superintendent of Prisons, the complainant in the proceedings, had stated that she was entering the junction of Chamberlain Road when the ambulance drove into it from the other entrance. A collision between the rickshaw in which she was travelling with her infant child and the bigger vehicle was narrowly averted when the ambulance swerved round the corner

Yesterday afternoon, after a visit to the scene, Mr. Horace Lo, on behalf of the defendant, made his final submissions.

He argued that ten miles an hour, at which rate he said, the ambulance was travelling, was merely a "crawl" for such a vehicle. He suggested that in the slower vehicle, Mrs. Franks might have been unduly alarmed at the sight of the bigger vehicle seemingly bearing down on her.

His Worship, however, disagreed. He thought that the ambulance should have slowed down on seeing the rickshaw. It was dangerous driving, but in view of the extenuating circumstances, the fine would be $10.

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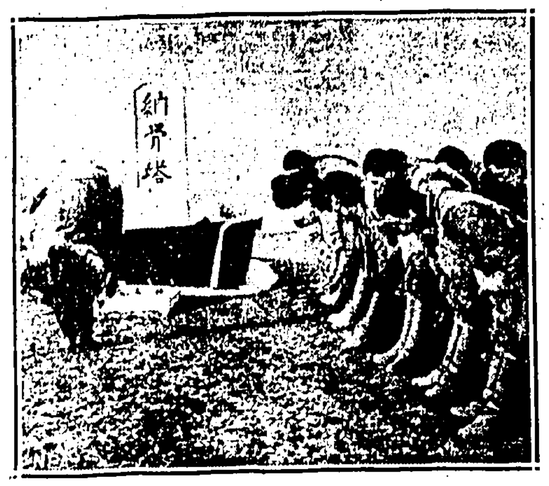

BOWED IN PRAYER for a fallen comrade, Japanese soldiers are shown above beside a temporary tomb erected on the lonely Manchurian plains.

CHARGING ACROSS SNOW-COVERED PLAINS in Manchuria, Japanese troops are strikingly pictured here as they advanced on the run against the Chinese at Harbin. Note the bleak terrain, typical of territory throughout the war zone.

Aeroplane are playing as important a part in Japanese operations in Manchuria as they are in Shanghai.

Japanese troops in Manchuria are fighting cold as well as bandits. This picture shows part of the early morning routine at Mukden with the men boiling water to be used in starting the motors of their planes. Some of the bombers now being operated in the sub-zero weather are visible at upper left.

Here is a grim epitome of military activities in Manchuria. Japanese infantrymen, advancing through the snow, only glance at the body of a slain Chinese bandit chieftain as they press forward in pursuit of other irregulars operating along the South Manchurian railway.

THREE KINDS of LOVE

by KAY CLEAVER STRAHAN

BEGIN HERE TODAY

Anne, Cecily and Mary-Frances Fenwick live with their grandparents, once wealthy, now so impoverished that Anne's and Cecily's earnings support the household. The sisters have been orphaned since childhood. The grandparents are known respectively as "Rosalie" and "Grand" and they insist on keeping up pretences of their former wealth.

Ann, 28, and Cecily, 22, do secretarial work and Mary-Frances, 15, is still in school. When the story opens Anne has been engaged to Phillip Ecroyd, young lawyer, for eight years.

Cecily brings Harry Mckeel home to dinner. It is evident that she is falling in love with him. Mary-Frances has a telephone call from her friend, Ermintrude, who is excited about the arrival of an actor known as Earl de Armount. The two girls make plans to meet him.

CHAPTER VI

"I am going over to stay all night with Ermintrude," Mary-France announced.

"Who said that you might?"

"Rosalie."

"After Cecily had said you might not, I suppose?"

"I asked Rosalie first."

"Did Cecily say you might take her overnight bag with you?"

"Pooh," said Mary-Frances. "What makes you so quarrelsome here lately, Ann? Cissy practically gave me this old thing the first time I asked her to borrow it."

"It isn't an old thing at all," said Ann. "It is a very handsome piece of luggage, and it was a gift to Cecily. If you use it, you must take care of it."

"Quarrelsomeness," said Mary-Frances, "is just awful. I've noticed it a lot in you lately, Ann. I'll bet Phil notices it too, and I'll bet—"

"Mary-Frances, you must stop saying 'I'll bet' all the time. I won't have it."

"Quarrelling again," deprecated Mary-Frances, and opened the front door.

"Wait," said Ann. "It is nearly nine o'clock. You can't go running around alone after dark, and you know it. Phil will be here any minute now, and we'll take you over in the car."

"Sonly five blocks," said Mary-Frances, and edged through the door.

"Mary-Frances, come back in here and wait for Phil. You are not to go alone."

"Stop pinching my arm, Ann Fenwick. Rosalie said I could go. I'm not going to stick around here all night waiting for your old Phil, and like as not he won't be here for hours, and Ermintrude and I have to get our studying done, don't we, and—"

Ann heard a step outside. Phil was coming. She always told him that she never quarrelled with her sisters.

"Mary-Frances, honey, here's Phil now. What makes you act like this to me when you now I hail a big company dinner to get and that I'm tired?"

"Angel Ann," Mary-Frances, as susceptible as a puppy, snuggled close to her, and so Philip saw them, through the open door, in loving sisterly embrace; but his "Hello, there," suggested no particular enthusiasm for the tableau.

He did not kiss Ann (she had decided that it was wiser for them not to kiss in front of Mary-Frances), but he took her hand and squeezed it before he turned to the hall rack.

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Ann said, "Phil, Mary-Frances is going to spend the night with her little friend. I thought we might take her over there in your car."

"Sorry," he hung up his hat and took off his raincoat. "It's in the garage again. I'm convinced that the piston rods are clogged."

"Oh, my word! Again?" Ann frowned and shook her head.

"Should I have said 'yet'?"

Phil often was clever; but when he couldn't be clever he tried to be, anyway. That was a silly old joke. He kicked off his overshoes. He stood there, slicking his hair back when it didn't need slicking, and when he should have been interested in how Mary-Frances was going to get to Ermintrude's house.

"Well," Ann decreed, "we'll have to walk over with her, then. It is just across to the new addition. She can't go alone after dark. You'll not mind walking a few blocks with Mary-Frances and me, will you?"

"Not at all," said Phil, and began to put on his overshoes. "Delighted, of course." He stamped his feet into them. (Oh, well, if he wanted to be silly and stiff and formal like that, let him!) "Better take your umbrella. I didn't bring mine. I wore my raincoat."

The rain had stopped, so Phil carried the umbrella under his arm, and they had gone a block before he said, "I walked over here this evening."

"Walked!" Ann protested. "All the way across the river? It's miles from your place. What possessed you?"

"I felt like a walk. Needed the exercise."

"But, Phil—I shouldn't have dreamed of dragging you right out again, if I'd known. You must be very tired. Why didn't you tell me?"

Ann, in the darkness, could not see his shrug; but she could hear it plainly in his voice as he answered, "Oh, well, what's the difference? We had to bring her, didn't we?"

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Mary-Frances delivered safely into the Hills' bright front hall, Ann said again, "But, dear, I wouldn't have asked you to come over here, not for anything, if I'd known you'd walked so far."

"Not even to escort Mary-Frances?"

"Phil," she questioned, "what is the matter with you lately?"

"Nothing whatever. But what is the matter with you, Ann?"

"I don't know."

"You admit that something is?"

"Well," she hesitated, "it is only, I think, that you have been acting so sort of funny lately."

"I haven't felt sorta funny," he said.

She would not answer. She had not said "sorta" like that. He was always criticizing her lately. He said that she was stubborn. She was not; but since he thought so she'd give him a reason for thinking it. She would not speak again until he spoke. He was the stubborn one, if it came to it. How could she love a man like Phil—stalking along beside her in that stupid silence, when he knew he had hurt her feelings? How could she? Perhaps she didn't. It would be easy for her to say, "Isn't it pleasant after the rain?" No, she would not. She might say, "Have you heard from your mother lately?" No, she would not.

"Mary-Frances," he said, "spends over so many nights with that girl friend of hers, doesn't she?"

"Yes," Ann admitted reluctantly. "She does go rather often. But why?"

"It seems most unwise to me. Mother never allowed Elise to spend a night away from home until she went to Eugene to the university. During the romancing, daydreaming age it is better for them to do it alone, if they have to, than it is for them to have someone to talk it all over with—make it more real, you know."

"But Mary-Frances is only 15 years old."

"My point, exactly. It is a dangerous age. Not a woman—not a little girl. Also, unless I'm mistaken, she is badly boy-struck and at the silliest stage of it."

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Phil said, "Don't misunderstand me, dear. I do like Mary-Frances a lot. That is why—"

"No," she interrupted, "you don't like Mary-Frances, and you don't like Cecily. You don't like either one of my sisters. You never have. You don't like them a bit. You don't like any of us. You don't like me—"

He patted her on the shoulder. "Behave," he said, "You Beautiful."

It was one of the old love names. He had not called her "You Beautiful" for months, and she thought that he had forgotten it.

"Sweetheart?" she said.

He put his arms around her and kissed her. The trees there in the yard were still shaking the gathered rain from their leaves, and drops fell like big cold tears on Ann's upturned face, but she did not notice them.

"Dear, dear," she said. "I love you so: I love you so."

He kissed her again. He had not said that he loved her, and she wished to hear it, so she said for him. "And you love me. I don't see how we can quarrel when we love each other so much. Do you?"

His answer was the old complaint and apology of lovers: "Our quarrels are never with each other, dearest. They are always with externals. If we could be away alone together, all alone, you and I, we'd have such a paradise that we'd forget, even, that other people ever quarrelled."

"Only," said Ann, "people so seldom are—all alone, away from everything, I mean."

He brought a handkerchief from his pocket and dried the back of his neck where the raindrops had fallen, and said as he put his arm around her and began to walk with her toward the house. "I didn't mean out of this world. I meant that we could be happy here, anywhere, if we were ever allowed to make our own world alone together."

"But," Ann questioned, "are people ever allowed to make their own worlds anywhere, Phil dear?"

"We aren't," he answered, and stopped on the porch. Ann hoped that he would kiss her again, but he did not. He repeated, "We certainly aren't," and opened the front door.

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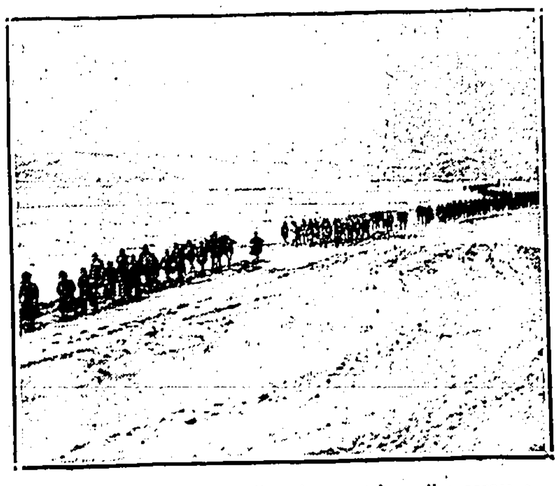

Japanese infantry in a line that stretches miles across a frozen Manchurian plain are shown in this remarkable picture just received from that bleak theatre of war. Note the snow-covered mountains in the background. The troops were marching toward Machiachai to drive out a force of Chinese irregulars.

General Tamon.

NOTED VISITOR.

RACIAL SURVEY EXPERT IN HONGKONG.

Mr. Paul H. Stevenson, of the Department of Amatomy of the Peking Union Medical College, is passing through Hongkong on his way to Hainan Island in connexion with an anthropoligcal reconaissance of the peoples of the south-east coastal region.

This reconaissance is part of a thorough survey of the eastern Asiatic mainland. The survey has already occupied nearly ten years and is now drawing to a conclusion.

In addition to having covered all the provinces of China proper, the survey has been carried out along both the Mongolian and Tibetan frontiers. The results of the survey will be published under the auspices of the Academia Sinica.

Mr. Stevenson initiated the survey in connexion with his studies of racial anatomy. After his visit to Hainan Island, Mr. Stevenson will return to Hongkong and then proceed northwards, visiting the principal Coast ports en route.

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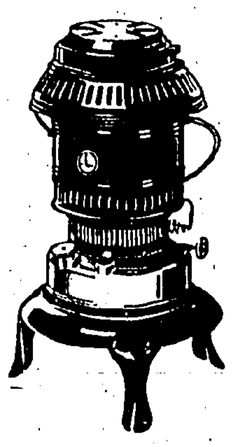

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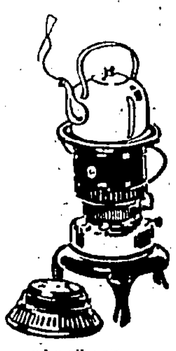

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Agent.
Hongkong, 16th February, 1932.

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Notice is hereby given that the Thirty-sixth Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Shareholders in the Company will be held at the Company's Town Office, 2, Lower Albert Road, on Wednesday, 2nd March, 1932, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with statement of Accounts, declaring a Dividend and re-electing Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 22nd February to 2nd March, 1932, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

M. MANUK,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 15th February, 1932.

HONG KONG TELEPHONE COMPANY LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SEVENTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the HONG KONG TELEPHONE COMPANY LIMITED will be held on WEDNESDAY, the 9th Day of March, 1932, at the BOARD ROOM of the Company, Second Floor, Exchange Building, Hongkong at 11.00 a.m., for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Board of Directors, for the Financial Year ended 31st December, 1931, and re-electing Two Directors and the Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED From the 3rd to 9th MARCH, 1932, Both Days inclusive.

Dated this 15th day of February, 1932.

By Order of the Board.

W. L. McKENZIE,
Secretary.
14, Des Voeux Road Central, Hongkong.

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ANNUAL RACE MEETING, 1932.
20th, 22nd, 23rd, 24th and 27th February, 1932.

On Saturday 20th, Monday 22nd, Tuesday 23rd, and Wednesday 24th February, the first bell will be rung at 11 a.m., and the first race will be run at 11.30 a.m. On Saturday, the 27th February, the first bell will be rung at 1 p.m., and the first race will be run at 1.30 p.m.

The tiffin interval will be taken after the fifth race on the first four days.

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Members are reminded that they and their ladies must wear their badges prominently displayed.

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SERVANTS' PASSES.

Passes for Servants will be issued on application to the Secretary, 3rd Floor, Gloucester Building.

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C. B. BROWN,
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NOTICE OF EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Members of The Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels, Limited, will be held at Exchange Building, Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, on Friday, the Eighteenth day of March, 1932, at 11.30 in the forenoon immediately after the Annual General Meeting of the Company, for the purpose of considering and if thought fit passing the following resolutions as Ordinary Resolutions:—

1. That the authorised Capital of the Company (which is now $10,000,000.00 divided into 1,000,000 Shares of $10.00 each, of which the whole have been issued) be increased from $10,000,000.00 consisting as aforesaid to $15,000,000.00 (consisting of 1,500,000 Shares of the nominal value of $10.00 each) by the creation of 500,000 New Shares of the nominal value of $10.00 each.

2. That in the first instance 200,000 of the said New Shares be offered at par (in the proportion of one New Share for every five Old Shares held by them respectively) to the persons who on the eighteenth day of March, 1932, are registered in the Company's Share Register as the holders of the 1,000,000 Old Shares and so that on acceptance of such offer the full nominal amount due in respect of such 200,000 New Shares shall be payable on the 30th day of June, 1932, and that on acceptance of such offer and on payment in manner aforesaid such shares so taken up shall rank as from the 1st day of July, 1932, for dividend and in all other respects pari passu with shares constituting the Company's present Issued Capital, and that any of the said 200,000 New Shares which shall not be taken up by the Company's Shareholders in manner aforesaid be disposed of at such time or times in such manner and upon such terms and conditions as the Company's Board of Directors shall think fit.

3. That such offer be made by notice specifying the number of shares to which the Member is entitled and limiting the time within which the offer if not accepted by the Member on behalf of himself or his nominee will be deemed to be declined and that the Directors be at liberty to fix such time and to extend it to such date or dates as they may think fit.

4. That the balance of 300,000 Shares constituting the Company's unissued Capital be issued at such time or times in such manner and for such purposes and upon such terms and conditions in every respect as the Company's Board of Directors may decide.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that the before mentioned Extraordinary General Meeting will be continued for the purpose of considering and if thought fit passing the following Resolution as an Extraordinary Resolution:—

5. That the Articles of Association of the Company be altered in manner following:—

"(a) By the insertion immediately after Article No. 126 of the existing Articles of Association of the two following new Articles to be known as Articles 126A 126B.'

"126A. Each Director who is a registered holder in his own right of not less than 25,000 Shares in the Capital of the Company shall have the power to nominate any person approved for that purpose by a majority of the other Directors of the Company to act as an alternate Director, in his place, during his absence from the Colony of Hongkong or inability to act through illness as such Director, and at his discretion to remove such alternate Director, and on any such appointment being made, the alternate Director shall be subject in all respect to the terms and conditions existing with reference to the other Directors of the Company, and any alternate Director while acting in the place of an absent Director, shall exercise and discharge all the duties and functions of the Director he represents, but shall look to such Director solely for his remuneration and shall not be entitled to claim remuneration from the Company. Provided always that it shall be a condition precedent to the exercise of the power of appointment herein contained and the continuance of the appointment hereunder that the Director exercising the same shall be, at the time of making such appointment and shall continue to be so long as the said appointment continues, the registered holder in his own right of not less than 25,000 Shares in the Capital of the Company. Every appointment made in pursuance of this Article shall be in writing under the hand of the Director making the same."

"126B. Any instrument appointing an alternate Director in pursuance of Article 126A of these Articles shall be as nearly as circumstances will admit in the following form or to the effect following:—"

I, a Director of The Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels, Limited, in pursuance of the power in that behalf contained in Article 126A of the Articles of Association of the Company do hereby nomiate and appoint of to act as alternate Director in my place during my absence from the Colony of Hongkong or my inability to act as a Director through illness (as the case may be) to exercise and discharge all my duties as a Director of the Company.

AS WITNESS my hand this day of One thousand nine hundred and thirty

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that a further Extraordinary General Meeting of the Members of the above named Company will be held at Noon at the same place on the Fourth day of April, 1932, for the purpose of receiving a report of the proceedings at the last above mentioned meeting and of confirming if thought fit as a Special Resolution the before mentioned resolution numbered 5 herein.

Dated this 27th day of January, 1932.

By Order of the Board,
F. C. BARRY,
Secretary.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Notice is hereby given that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Shareholders in this Corporation will be held at the Head office of the Corporation, No. 1 Queen's Road Central, Hongkong, on Saturday, the 27th February, 1932, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1931.

The Register of Shares of the Corporation will be closed from Monday, the 15th February, to Saturday, the 27th February, 1932 (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By order of the Board of Directors,
V. M. GRAYBURN,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 5th February, 1932.

THE HONGKONG & SHANGHAI HOTELS, LTD.

(Incorporated in Hongkong).

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders of The Hong Kong and Shanghai Hotels, Limited, will be held at the Registered Office of the Company (Exchange Building, Des Voeux Road, Central, Hongkong), on Friday, the 18th day of March, 1932, at 11 a.m., for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Board of Directors for the year ended on the 31st December, 1931, confirming the appointment of a Director and re-electing a Director and the Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Wednesday, the 2nd March, 1932, until Friday, the 18th March, 1932, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board.

F. C. BARRY,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 27th January, 1932.

THE HONG KONG, CANTON & MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

The ONE HUNDRED and TWELFTH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, 1, Queen's Building, Victoria, Hongkong, on Tuesday, the 15th March, 1932, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from Tuesday, the 1st March, 1932, to Tuesday, the 15th March, 1932, both days inclusive, during which period No Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
G. E. ELLAMS,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 15th February, 1932.

HUMPHREYS ESTATE & FINANCE CO., LTD.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Annual Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Hongkong Hotel, Hongkong, on Monday, the 29th February, 1932, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1931.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from Thursday, 18th February, to Monday, 29th February, both days inclusive.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 10th February, 1932.

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REMINDER
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Straits	Cremer	February 16.
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Calcutta and Straits	Kumsang	February 17.
Saigon	Andre Lebon	February 17.
Australia and Manila	Atsuta Maru	February 18.
Manila	Pres. Cleveland	February 19.
Japan	Hakusan Maru	February 19.
Japan	Shinyo Maru	February 19.
Europe via Negapatam (Letters and Papers) London, 21st January	Kashima Maru	February 20.
Canada, U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (Vancouver B.C., 30th January)	Empr. of Japan	February 20.

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Date and Time.
Swatow, *Amoy and *Foochow	Haiyang	Tues., Feb. 16, 2 p.m.
Amoy	Soochow	Tues., Feb. 16, 3.30 p.m.
Foochow	Newchwang	Tues., Feb. 16, 3.30 p.m.
Samshui and Wuchow	Tai Hing	Tues., Feb. 16, 4 p.m.
Swatow	Cremer	Wed., Feb. 17, 8.30 a.m.
Haiphong	G. G. Maurice Long II	Wed., Feb. 17, 10.30 a.m.
Shanghai, *Japan and *Europe via Siberia	Andre Lebon	Wed., Feb. 17, 2.30 p.m.
Amoy	Kweiyang	Wed., Feb. 17, 3.30 p.m.
Saigon	Ninghai	Wed., Feb. 17, 5 p.m.
Hoihow and Haiphong	Menado Maru	Thur., Feb. 18, 8.30 a.m.
Manila	Asama Maru	Thur., Feb. 18, 2.30 p.m.
Swatow	Hydrangea	Thurs., Feb. 18, 3 p.m.
Amoy	Kumsang	Thurs., Feb. 18, 5 p.m.
Japan	Atsuta Maru	Fri., Feb. 19, 9.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haicheng	Fri., Feb. 19, 1 p.m.
Japan, and *Canada	President Cleveland	Fri., Feb. 19.
	Parcels,	Feb. 19, 3 p.m.
	Reg.,	Feb. 19, 4.15 p.m.
	Letters	Feb. 19, 5 p.m.
	(Due Victoria B.C., 8th March)	
Shanghai and *Europe via Siberia	President Cleveland	Fri., Feb. 19.
	Reg.,	Feb. 19, 5 p.m.
	Letters	Feb. 19, 6 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Hakusan Maru	Fri., Feb. 19.
	K.P.O.	
	Reg.,	Feb. 19, 4.30 p.m.
	Letters,	Feb. 19, 4.30 p.m.
	G.P.O.	
	Reg.,	Feb. 19, 5 p.m.
	Letters,	Feb. 19, 6 p.m.
	(Due Marseilles, 19th March)	
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., Central and South America and *Europe via Vancouver B.C. and *Europe via Siberia	Emp. of Canada	Sat., Feb. 20.
	Parcels,	Feb. 19, 5 p.m.
	Reg.,	Feb. 20, 9.15 a.m.
	Letters,	Feb. 20, 10 a.m.
	(Due Vancouver B.C., 6th March)	
Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island	Changte	Sat., Feb. 20.
	Parcels	Feb. 19, 5 p.m.
	Reg.,	Feb. 20, 9.45 a.m.
	Letters	Feb. 20, 10.30 a.m.
	(Due Thursday Island 27th Feb.)	
Japan	Kashima Maru	Sat., Feb. 20, 3.30 p.m.
Manila	Emp. of Japan	Sat., Feb. 20, 5 p.m.

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TO MOTHERS.

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Piquant.

The white wool evening dress is something new and smart. Schiaperalli fashions one of wool of gossamer sheerness in the new moulded fashion with a skirt that flares only below the knees, and tops it with a charming little rose velvet corduroy jacket that fastens up in diagonal manner and then ties a bow at the throat. The sleeves have fitted cuffs, a jaunty, practical touch that adds piquancy to the dressy ensemble of the entire costume.

Berets are the rage in Paris. Florence Walton created this model in the new rich brown velvet. The pert upstanding bow is in a beautiful copper red.

AFTER THE 'FLU.

The Healing Virtues of Water and Fruit.

Influenza, even if not severe, always leaves behind it a feeling of general langour and fatigue, and that most wretched of all maladies—post-influenzal depression.

These ailments are the remains of the influenza poison which still lingers about the system, and unless some definite steps are taken for their removal, the 'flu invalids will continue indefinitely to feel weak and tired and "nervy."

How many people realise that the best way of cleansing the body, and washing away these "influenza dregs" is by drinking water? A glass of water, either hot or cold, taken first thing in the morning, acts upon the internal organs just as a refreshing bath acts upon the skin.

If another glass is taken about eleven o'clock, another at lunch time, another about six o'clock, and yet another before going to bed, a marked improvement will soon be noticed in the general health.

Another excellent drink is weak tea, which not only helps to dissolve the poison and carry it out of the system, but also acts as a gentle stimulant in cases of depression. Most people feel the need of something to "back them up," both physically and mentally, but wine and spirits should be avoided, as they only make the depression worse after the first few moments of excitement.

Next to this water drinking, two fruits, oranges and grape fruit, are being recommended by all the leading physicians, both for their splendid cleansing properties, and their use as a tonic.

The Popular Orange.

Oranges have been popular among us for so long that most people nowadays realise their really valuable health-giving attributes, and grape fruit is rapidly coming to the fore as an equally beneficial fruit. Anyone recovering from influenza, or any other feverish illness, cannot do better than consume three or four of these very delightful fruits daily.

Fresh air is another very important factor in convalescence. So many people after influenza, fearful of catching fresh cold, sleep with heavy curtains drawn over closed windows, and sit over a fire in a warm room. This only weakens their vitality, and renders them actually more susceptible to fresh chills and colds.

The bedroom window should always be thrown well open, sitting rooms kept well aired and free from stuffiness, and a walk taken every day if the weather permits. A change of air and surroundings is always advisable after influenza, not only to brace the body, but to distract and stimulate the mind.

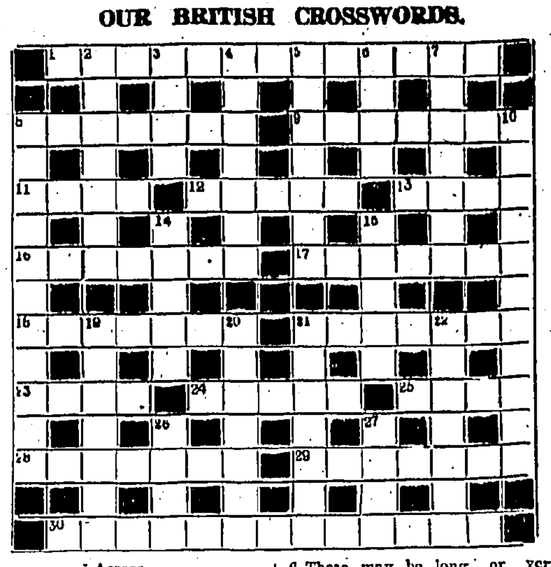
Post-influenzal depression too often takes the form of moping at home, and refusing to go out or join in any amusement under the plea of "not feeling well enough." Yet the chances are that there is lack of energy rather than actual strength. Even the mere effort of getting ready seems too much trouble, though were the effort made, the change and enjoyment consequent would be of the greatest benefit.—M. I. S. *In Exchange.*

CHEESE STRAWS.

Mix together equal quantites of grated cheese, flour, butter, and breadcrumbs. Season well with cayenne, and a very little pounded mace.

Form into a rather thin paste with beaten yolk of egg, and roll out thinly. Cut into 4-inch lengths 1 inch wide, and twist slightly. Bake a palo brown in a good oven.

OUR BRITISH CROSSWORDS.



Across

1 Repercussion that is always about a verb.
6 This affords a safe outlet for hot air.
9 Describes an ass, visited by a doctor.
11 To fall in with is merely fitting.
12 An outcry, the very natural result of one in the nose.
13 This cap can't be worn on the head.
16 "Chattle" (anag.).
17 Simply hot air—decidedly unpleasant.
18 This new tenant is lucky. He cannot lose his income.
21 A secret society.
23 The action of a sympathiser, you can make a wager.
24 Illuminating, though, to an extent, stinging.
25 German Christian name that, viewed correctly, will furnish a cooling drink.
28 Held by Britannia.
29 This raider finds concealment in a van ride.
30 "Rend shorn dodo" (anag.).

Down

2 "Censure is the tax a man pays to the public for being—."—Swift. "Thoughts on Various Subjects."
3 Clever girl, she has the dean completely muddled.
4 Confusion follows in the wake of the Turkish Governor in this Syrian seaport.
5 Lies.
6 These may be long or very little.
7 Pertaining to the vasty deep.
8 Obliging and, from the sound of it, inwardly very well satisfied.
10 Begining with a very suitable starting point, the Good Templar goes on to greater stature.
14 On the march I met some old friends—several I've not seen for years (hidden).
15 Carriags that are not allowed to develop—unlike their precious freight.
19 Harbour in the mind.
20 Repeated, but probably only in the family.
21 Gives comfort when depressed.
22 The great month of the Mohommedan year.
26 Correct.
27 The umpire's word.

Yesterday's Solution.

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BRITISH PREMIER.

TO LEAVE LONDON SHORTLY.

London, Feb. 15.

The Prime Minister yesterday left the nursing home for the first time since his operation, to undergo a thorough examination of his eye at his residence by his consultant. It is announced that the result of the operation was very satisfactory, but to maintain this good result at least three weeks complete rest is essential. Afterwards the Premier returned to the nursing home, where he will remain a few more days, after which it is expected he will leave London to recuperate fully.—*British Wireless.*

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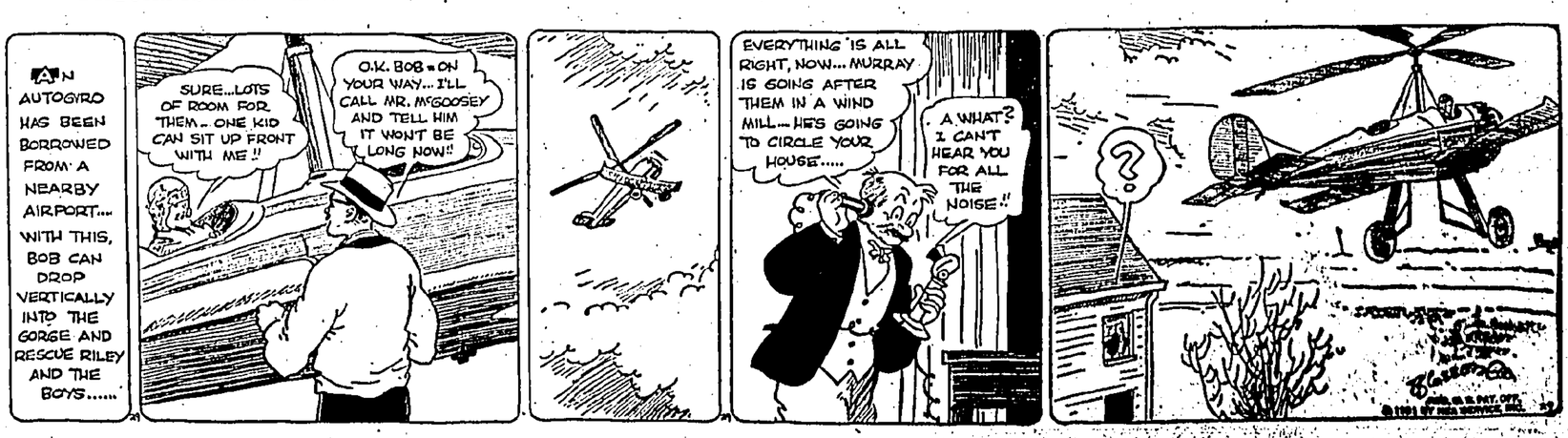

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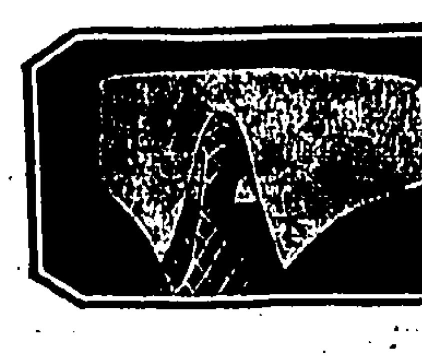
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THE HONGKONG HOTEL GARAGE.
The Hongkong & Shanghai Hotels, Ltd.
Incorporated in Hongkong.
Stubbs Road Happy Valley

The Hongkong Telegraph.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 1932.

BROKEN PROMISES.

The statement issued by the Shanghai Municipal Council clarifying the position as between the settlement authorities and the Powers comes at an opportune moment, seeing that it practically synchronises with the action of the Japanese in utilising the Settlement for disembarkation of the newly-arrived troops. This action, as Reuter points out, is directly contrary to specific promises made by the Japanese to the consular authorities. After showing that the Council has no authority or control whatever over the international forces employed in the defence scheme of the Settlement, Mr. Fessenden makes it clear that the Japanese unit has been allotted the northern sector purely for defensive measures and the protection of the Settlement as a whole, adding, very pertinently, that "anything done by the Japanese in excess of purely defensive measures contemplated by the defence plan is something for which the Settlement authorities and commanders of other nationalities cannot be held responsible." This expresses in other words the reply recently made by the Chairman of the Council, Brigadier General Macanghten, to the protest of the Mayor of Shanghai, in which it was plainly stated that "the Japanese Government, and not the Municipal Council, is solely responsible for the acts of the Japanese armed forces in the Settlement."

It is well that the exact position should be made clear, since there appears to have been considerable misapprehension on the matter amongst the Chinese in Shanghai. The fact of Japan's responsibility having been established, the issue becomes one of supreme importance, and it is not surprising that considerable anxiety is being felt abroad over the situation thus created. From the very outset, the Powers concerned have urged upon the Japanese Government the undesirability of any interference in the Settlement. For example, some little time back, the British Ambassador in Tokyo drew the attention of the Japanese Foreign Office to the dangers to which the lives and interests of British nationals have been exposed by Japanese action, and protested against the use of the Settlement as a base for attack. Washington has also addressed Japan on similar lines, but, notwithstanding assurances by the Tokyo Government, the Japanese on the spot have acted in direct opposition to the pledges of their Government. Dealing with this issue, a Shanghai commentator, who has certainly not been by any means pro-Chinese in his observations, recently urged that the landing and employment of Japanese forces in the Settlement area should have been restricted to units actually required for the purposes of defence. He added that if the Japanese were determined upon offensive actions which could not come within the scope of the Defence Committee's responsibilities, the forces employed should have been landed, and kept, beyond Settlement limits. He goes further and asserts that the use of the Settlement as a base exposes the British, American and French forces to attacks by Chinese regular forces, adding that "Japan has no right to saddle friendly Powers with responsibilities of such magnitude."

Apart from the immediate effects of Japan's actions, there are grave potentialities in the situation which she had created. It has well been said that fragile indeed were the barriers of international good faith and mutual Sino-foreign convenience which hedged about Shanghai's little political island, and while it was not hard for Japan to crush through them, it will be far harder for others to build them back. Japan, however, appears to regard the situation merely in the light of immediate convenience. Surely her promises should count for something. World opinion, as the chief Japanese delegate at the League Council recently admitted, is hostile towards Japan. It is likely to be intensified by the latest developments. The danger to the Settlement arises, not as Japan says, from the proximity of Chinese forces, but from the tractics which the Japanese military and naval commanders are adopting by infringing its long-established neutrality.

Lausanne in June.

The reparations conference, with the approval of France and other interested governments, is now to be held in June. The official communique gives no inkling of the basis of the agreement, but suggests that much has been done to close the gap between the British ideal of a final closing of the question and French insistence that any arrangement shall be no more than temporary until the crisis is over and Germany has recovered her capacity to pay. The object of the conference in June will be to agree upon a lasting settlement, to put an end to a problem which has vexed Europe for eleven years. The irony which runs through this chapter of international relations is that Germany offered at Versailles to pay virtually the same amount as was subsequently agreed upon in the Young plan; but while Germany probably would have been able to acquit itself of its debt, had its offer been accepted and the violent economic and financial upheavals been avoided, it has now become doubtful whether, after the experience of the last year, any concession other than cancellation will hereafter be found sufficient. The story of the last eleven years is one of "political wrangling and financial uncertainly." The former secretary to the Reparation Commission, who was afterward secretary to the Dawes Committee, and finally Commissioner for Controlled Revenues in Berlin, speaks frankly about the folly of the astronomical figures which were employed. The progressive reductions did not improve matters, because they always came too late. At last, it is becoming understood that economic and financial problems should be treated without passions and prejudices. Looking back on the reparation period, we can see where mistakes were made. But this retrospective discovery of mistakes, though interesting, will be fruitless unless it leads those involved to the resolve that, in facing the new international financial and economic problems which present themselves to-day, rational action shall be taken and solutions reached before they are too late.

SUGAR MARKET.

THE LATEST CABLED QUOTATIONS.

The following cable at the close of the sugar market yesterday has been received by Messrs. Pentreath and Co.

London Terminals.
March 6/6¾ up 1¼d.
May 6/9 up 1¼d.
August 7/-¼ up 1½d.
December 7/3½ up 1¾d.
Buyers at above prices, sellers asking ¼d-½d more.

New York Terminals.
March .95 no change.
May 1.00 up 1 pt.
July 1.07 up 1 pt.
September 1.13 up 2 pts.
December 1.19 up 2 pts.

"Mystery Planes" For Race Through Stratosphere.

M. Guerchais (upper right), noted French aeronautical engineer ... is building the weird, submarine-like monoplane shown below ... in which he hopes to fly at least 200 miles an hour through the strato-sphere ... and hop from Paris to New York in 12 hours ... while a rival builder, Farman, is constructing a plane to make the same flight in only six hours.

By Minott Saunders.

Grotesque planes like man-made comets, roaring at dizzy speeds through the little known regions ten miles above the globe—

Six-hour trips from Paris or Berlin to New York—

Flying, winged "submarines," with daring pilots locked in hermetically sealed cabins—

It's going to be a spectacular trans-Atlantic flying season, if plans of European aeronautical engineers don't go awry!

For a three-cornered—or perhaps a four, five or six-cornered—international race through the stratosphere is in the making, with almost every capital in Europe seemingly harbouring a "mystery plane" ready to dare the rare upper atmosphere.

Many of the planes are shrouded in secrecy which permits not even the names of their builders or pilots to be known. Other constructors, like the rivals Farman and Guerchais in Paris and another manufacturer in Germany have partially revealed their plans.

Farman and Guerchais are each speeding up final preparations in the ambition to be the first to conquer the stratosphere. Already built, in Berlin, is another plane with a hermetically sealed cockpit, oxygen-supply chambers, an 82-foot wingspread and a crude oil motor—and it's said to be capable of flying 700 miles an hour at an altitude of ten miles.

The two planes now nearing completion in Paris are similar in principle. They are monoplanes with exaggerated wing spans. The most unusual feature, however, is a sealed submarine-like cabin built of metal and strong enough to prevent it from bursting outwards from the air within while the plane is riding in the thin stratospheric element.

High Speed Possible.

The Guerchais machine has a wing 55 feet in spread and thick in construction, with the bracing in the interior. It has a 700 horse power Lorraine motor and, under Guerchais' calculations, should be able to fly at 50,000 feet at 300 miles an hour.

The sealed cabin in the Guerchais machine is built of duralumin, like that used by Professor Auguste Piccard in his balloon flight. It will house the motor and two pilots, and will also contain highly sensitive instruments for scientific observations and safe flying when nothing can be seen. An "Elecro-Mecanique" compressor, subject to regulation from the cockpit, will be started, according to plans, at about 20,000 feet altitude and feed the engine as well as the men.

Life in this cabin during flight will be much the same as that in a submarine, with oxygen tanks and a system for the absorbtion of carbon gases.

Plane Built in Secret

Henri Farman, pioneer aviator and one of the foremost constructors in France, is zealously guarding the secrets of his stratosphere machine. It outwardly resembles the famous Farman type of commercial machine, but has a wing-spread of nearly 60 feet. The air-tight compartment is surmounted by five heavy radiators, three for air, one for oil and one for water. It will be driven by a 500 horse-power motor and the apparatus in the cabin will pump 60 litres of warm air a minute. The plane is heavily constructed, but it is estimated that it should make between 400 and 500 miles an hour in the rarified air of the stratosphere.

Both Guerchais and Farman will use a propellor with a variable pitch, or angle of attack on the air, which may be changed by the pilot during flight.

Work on the Farman stratosphere plane has been going on for four years.

"We shall not attempt anything sensational at first," Farman said. "The machine, which should be ready in about two months, will be flown first at low altitudes and then higher by gradual stages,

To Seek New Altitudes.

"We do not know what we shall do, but we hope for much. It may be considered as certain that the altitudes at from 50,000 to 60,000 feet which machines of the present may reach will in time be greatly surpassed.

"Theoretically, we ought to go very, very fast. The rarification of the air should, in theory, permit normal speed to be doubled above 30,000 feet and quadrupled above 60,000 feet, but this is not exactly true. To reach great altitudes we shall have to put on weight and this will cut down speed."

It is no secret, however, that Farman engineers figure that a normal speed of 120 miles an hour should develop into 500 an hour at from 70,000 to 90,000 feet altitude. On that basis, a stratosphere plane should fly from Paris to New York in six hours.

DAY BY DAY

IF WE CONSIDER WELL, WE SHALL FIND THAT EVERY CAPABILITY, HOWEVER SLIGHT, IS BORN WITH US; THAT THERE IS NO VOGUE CAPACITY IN MEN.—*Goethe.*

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Five cases of small-pox and two of diphtheria were reported to the Medical Officer of Health over the week end.

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Security to the value of $10,000 guaranteed by Mr. Ho Iu, compradore of the Mercantile Bank was accepted by Mr. Wynne Jones at the Central Police Court yesterday morning as bail for Chan Cheung-wan, a shroff who is charged with conspiracy and larceny of $6,825. Mr. F. H. Loseby is for the prosecution and Mr. A. E. Hall for the defence. The case was again adjourned.

LADY HOUSTON'S PATRIOTISM.

TO PAY INCOME TAX.

Lady Houston, although domiciled in Jersey, has, for patriotic reasons, decided to pay income tax this year in considertion of the nation's need. The matter is now in the hands of her lawyers, who are working out the details of the sum to be paid.

There has been no demand for the payment of the tax. Lady Houston merely considers that the present financial position of the country is such that she should contribute to the Exchequer in respect of her income.

It may be recalled that Lady Houston on her husband's death paid in 1928 £1,500,000 in death duties "as an act of grace without admitting any liability on her part." Last year she guaranteed £100,000 to defray the cost of Great Britain's defence of the Schneider Trophy.

Lady Houston in December, 1929, sent a donation of £1,000 to the Christian Protest Movement against Russian Persecution, and later added to it £500 received as damages in a libel action.

"I'm sure glad to hear you're well, Mr. Meyer—and how is Mrs. Meyer and your very splendid children?"

INVESTMENT CO. MEETING.

GLOUCESTER BLDG. INTENTIONS.

APARTMENTS.

A definite and official announcement that the upper floors of Gloucester Building would be used as an apartment house, was made this morning by the Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson (Chairman of Directors), at the annual general meeting of shareholders of the Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co. Ltd.

In addition to adopting the annual report and statement of accounts, the shareholders, at an extraordinary meeting, agreed to the increasing of the directors' fees from $10,000 to $15,000 annually.

Chairman's Speech.

In presenting his annual report, Mr. Paterson said: With your permission I propose to follow the usual procedure and take the report and statement of accounts as read. There are no great differences in the accounts as compared with the previous year which call for comment, except repairs, which show an increase of some $24,000. These include our regular overhauls of buildings and such repairs as were required, an item which must necessarily tend to increase as our properties age. We also expended about $24,000 on various special improvements to suit incoming tenants, give better lavatory accommodation, and modernise our buildings as far as possible.

Rents show a slight improvement, partly accounted for by our having let some of the shops in Gloucester Building during the last quarter. At the moment I am happy to say that, outside Gloucester Building, we have only one office vacant.

Interest on mortgages has declined as mortgages are paid off, but this is balanced by a more than corresponding saving on overdraft at the Bank.

There being no sales of property to record, the net balance of profit and loss account has decreased by about $310,000.

Bonus to Staff.

It is proposed to pay a final dividend of $2 per share, absorbing $598,806, and making with the interim dividend a total payment of $4 per share for the year.

It is further proposed to pay a bonus to staff of $10,000, appropriate $49,024.47 to special repairs and renewals account and $200,000 to our rebuilding reserve account. These leave the sum of $678,792.00 to be carried forward to a new account.

The property market, which was somewhat dull most of the year, has recently received a fillip from two or three big sales which have taken place and there have been inquiries about other properties.

Gloucester Building.

Gloucester Building is now nearing completion. The instalement of the internal fittings in such a large building inevitably takes time and is liable to be attended by unforeseen delays. However it is hoped that the finishing touch will be completed by April.

There have been various rumours I understand of our intentions with regard to the upper floors. In case there are still any doubts I may say that it is proposed to run them on the lines of an apartment house. There are numerous fully furnished single rooms, double-bedded rooms, and a number of two-roomed suites. There will be a restaurant and lounge on the top floor. The charges we propose are very reasonable and the rentals have a range which should suit every pocket.

Business Matters.

Mr. Paterson's resolution for the adoption of the report and statement of accounts was seconded by Mr. E. M. Raymond and carried unanimously. The confirmation of the appointment of Mr. Felix A. Joseph as a director was proposed by Mr. H. R. Stuart, seconded by Mr. J. H. Seth and agreed to.

On the proposal of Mr. W. S. Bailey, seconded by Mr. F. H. Crapnell, Messrs. A. H. White and H. H. H. Priestley, were re-elected directors, and Mr. D. V. Steavenson moved and Mr. N. V. A. Croucher seconded that Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming and Messrs. Linstead and Davies be re-appointed auditors at a remuneration of $1,250 each a year. This was agreed to.

Increasing Fees.

The extraordinary meeting was held immediately at the conclusion of the general meeting. Mr. Paterson said:—The explanation of the notice is that it is proposed to amend Article No 95 (a) of the Articles of Association and increase the fees payable to your Directors from $10,000 to $15,000 per annum. This was proposed by one of our shareholders at the last annual meeting and to make his proposal effective it is necessary to amend the Articles. I now beg to propose the following resolution—"That the Articles of Association of the Company be altered in manner following:—By deleting the figures $10,000.00 in the third line of Article 95 (a) of the Company's Articles of Association and substituting therefor the figures $15,000.00."

When this has been duly seconded I shall be pleased to answer to the best of my ability any questions shareholders may wish to ask.

The resolution was seconded by Mr. J. M. Alves and carried unanimously.

That is all the business, gentlemen. Thank you for your attendance. I would remind you of the confirmatory meeting to be held on Tuesday March 2 at 12.15 and trust you will all be able to be present.

The directors present were Messrs. J. J. Paterson (Chairman), T. E. Pearce, H. H. H. Priestley, Felix A. Joseph, A. H. Compton, A. H. White and Sir Robert Ho Tung and Mr. L. S. Greenhill (secretary).

Shareholders present were Messrs. W. S. Bailey, H. R. Sturt, H. A. Rodgers, D. V. Steavenson, R. E. MacDougall, H. W. Dulley, J. H. Seth, F. M. Fernandez, Thomas D. Chanatong, R. Grieve, T. R. MacDonald, W. Brackenridge, E. M. Baymond, A. J. White, M. L. Railton, A. H. Chambers, N. V. A. Croucher, A. C. Wilcox, H. S. Hills, E. Grant Smith, J. M. Alves, P. S. Cassidy, Yeung Yau, G. Puncheon, J. G. Allison, F. H. Crapnell, J. F. Wright jun., A. Nissim, O. F. Ribeiro, B. L. W. Dunnett, B. C. Randall, L. G. Frost, Fung Kong-un.

KWANGSI VARSITY EXTENSION.

MINING COURSE TO BE ADDED.

Wuchow, Feb. 13.

With scaffolding in place and the superstructure rapidly raising into position, the erection of three new buildings for the Kwangsi University is becoming a reality. Since its reopening last year the enrolment of students has grown to such an extent that it was deemed necessary to add three new buildings to those already standing. There are now five buildings on the campus besides the faculty buildings and residences.

The Kwangsi University came into being during the efficient and progressive Governorship of Wong Shiu-hung, but when the Governor lost power the institution disbanded. The buildings fell into disrepair and were used in turn as a barracks for Cantonese soldiers, and later, as a Military Academy for the training of officers for the Cantonese Army.

After standing vacant for a number of months, the Kwangsi University again opened its doors for classes, with the result that hundreds of students have flocked to the highest institution of learning in the Province. It is expected that a mining course will be added to the University's curriculum in the near future.

During the last few weeks long rows of trees have been set out bordering the road which connects the main buildings with the large ornamental arch which stands at the entrance of the University grounds. Shrubs and flowers have also been planted.—*Our Own Correspondent.*

HONGKONG DOLLAR IMPROVES.

RISE OF FARTHING TO-DAY.

With silver up both in London and New York, the Hongkong dollar appreciated a farthing to day, the demand rate being 1s. 5.7/16d. Business has been done at 1s. 5.13/16d. for March, but the market continues largely lifeless, as it also does in Shanghai.

The market was easier this afternoon with buyers at 1s. 5¾d. ready.

London reported an advance of 1/8th ready and 3/16ths forward, the rise being chiefly due to a little speculative buying. There were small offerings, and after the official fixing there were no special features, the market being quietly steady.

A rise of 1/8th is reported from New York, where the market is firm.

The cross-rate has advanced to 3.45⅝.

WEATHER REPORT.

The Royal Observatory reports that the anti-cyclone central over N.E. China has strengthened and spread northward. The depression has deepened and moved to the north of Tokyo. Local forecast:—N.E. winds, fresh; cloudy.

Photo shows an officer directing blue jackets during the recent operations in Chapei. After a fortnight's constant duty, they are being taken out of the line.

YOUNG AMAH ON TRIAL.

STABBING INCIDENT ON THE PEAK.

QUARREL SEQUEL.

"The stab wound was deeper than the length of the table knife; the knife had been driven into the lung right up to the hilt, unfortunately the blade did not strike any bone to turn it and it was from this wound that the man died." This was how Mr. Somerset Fitzroy described the killing of a Chinese to the jury at the Criminal Sessions this morning, when a young amah named Chau Sum was charged with the manslaughter of a cook at No. 112, The Peak.

The case is before the Chief Justice (Sir Joseph Kemp) and a jury consisting of Messrs. H. W. Pomeroy (foreman), J. Lee, J. A. Lindsay, Lam Ming-fan, Waller A. A. D'Azevedo and B. A. Young.

Mr. Somerset Fitzroy is prosecuting, but accused is not legally represented.

The Crown Case.

Mr. Fitzroy, in presenting the facts, first explained the law concerning manslaughter, and said that it was laid down that where one person killed another it was murder unless evidence could be adduced to show that it was a less offence. If such circumstances did arise, the case was reduced to one of manslaughter, or no crime at all. In this case the Crown had to prove that accused killed the cook. Once that had been proved, it would follow that unless evidence was adduced by the Crown, or by the accused herself or by witnesses, that the killing was done under circumstances which amounted to no crime at all, it would be their duty to find the prisoner guilty of manslaughter. The onus on the Crown, once death was shown to be the act of the accused, was discharged, and the onus then rested on the accused to prove the exceptional circumstances.

He would produce evidence to show beyond doubt that the man was killed by the girl in the dock. On that point there was not the slightest doubt.

A Quarrel.

The circumstances were that on the morning of January 18, deceased and the accused, who were employed at No. 112, The Peak, were in the kitchen where the unfortunate occurence took place. Between 7 and 8 a.m. the prisoner went down into the kitchen for some boiling water, while the cook was preparing breakfast. Some of the breakfast was sent up and the empty plates later returned. These with two knives were placed on a dresser in the kitchen. Later, the prisoner returned for some more boiling water, but, apparently the deceased said she could not have any. Two other coolies were in the kitchen at the time and a heated argument arose about the water. About that time the accused took up one of the knives and said to the deceased "If you strike me I will stab you with this knife." The other two coolies then left the kitchen, but the argument continued, and a little later one of the coolies returned to discover the accused with a knife in her hand and the deceased staggering across the room.

The knife was taken away from the prisoner and it was then found that the cook had been stabbed underneath the left shoulder.

Terrible Wound.

Mr. Ricketts, one of the householders, was called and a doctor sent for. Some considerable time elapsed before one could be obtained and when Dr. Anderson arrived, he found the deceased suffering from a wound deeper than the length of the knife blade. The knife had been driven right in up to the hilt.

The man slowly collapsed and complained of feeling cold just before the arrival of the doctor, and the market coolie endeavoured to ease him by applying hot water bottles to his feet. The man died shortly after Dr. Anderson's arrival.

The girl was arrested, and in reply to the charge, said that she had been down to get some water in a kettle, but the deceased refused to let her have it, and he threw the kettle of boiling water over her, scalding her foot. He then struck her and she knocked him against the wall, took up the knife to push him away and stabbed him.

In view of this statement and the evidence to follow, the Jury would have little trouble in deciding that the man was killed by a knife wound inflicted by the accused. The question was for the accused to substantiate her story. He would also point out that when examined no scalds to her feet were discovered.

The case is proceeding.

THE SITUATION IN INDIA.

AN IMPROVEMENT REPORTED.

London, Feb. 15.

Sir Samuel Hoare, Secretary of State for India, stated in the House of Commons to-day that Provincial Government reports indicated an improvement in the Peshawar District and a very satisfactory situation in other districts of the North-West Frontier Province.

Sustained improvement was reported in the United Provinces, confirming the view that agitation is now definitely on the decrease. There are indications that the apex has been reached in several other Provinces, Bengal, Bihar and Orissa, the Central Provinces and the Punjab.

The very satisfactory situation in the Bombay Presidency and in Bombay City gives some indication of the improvement.

Generally there are very few instances of violence. The chief activity of Congress is now the Boycott. The underground agitation continues but at present gives little cause for anxiety.

On the 13th, in the Tipperah District of Bengal, the police were attacked and forced to fire. Three persons were killed.

The situation in Kashmir and Jammu is much easier but the reactions of the communal feeling in British India, especially in the Punjab, are more marked.—*British Wireless.*

EVERTON LOSE LEADERSHIP.

SHEFFIELD UNITED NOW ON TOP.

London, Feb. 15.

Sheffield United displace Everton in the First Division Leadership as a result of a win, at home to-day, against Manchester City. The United won by two goals to one, and the League revision is as follows:

Sheffield Un.	29	17	2	10	64	45	36
Everton	28	16	1	10	85	52	35
West Brom. ..	28	14	5	9	51	30	33
Huddersfield	27	13	7	7	55	36	33
Arsenal	26	13	6	7	60	35	32

In the Second Division, Charlton Athletic entertained Stoke City. A draw 1-1 resulted.—*Reuter.*

NEXT FEW DAYS.

(Continued from Page 1.)

arrived yesterday at the Wayside wharves, landed approximately 6,000 men. The transports also put ashore considerable equipment in the form of light and heavy artillery units, tanks and ammunition for small arms as well as big guns.

There are intimations that further transports are coming up the river to-day with fresh supplies and more men.

Five men took part in an armed robbery late last night, the scene being an isolated hut at Chu Shi Liu village, in the Kowloon City district. They stole clothing and a small sum of money, amounting altogether to $20, and escaped before an alarm was given. One of the men is known to have been armed with a scissors blade.

RADIO BROADCAST

EUROPEAN LECTURE.

By Z. B. W. on a wavelength of 355 metres. (845 K.C.'s).

5.00-8.00 p.m. European Programme.

5.00-7.31 p.m. Programme of Victor and H. M. V. Records.

5.00-5.45 p.m.

A Selection of Victor Herbert's Music.
Ah! Sweet Mystery of Life.
Victor Salon Orchestra.
Selections from Naughty Marietta.
Victor Light Opera Company. 9145.
Kiss Me Again.
Selections from The Fortune Teller.
Victor Salon Group. 9146.
Badinage.
Air de Ballet-Al Fresco.
March of the Toys.
Victor Concert Orchestra. 9147.
Selections from Babes in Toyland.
Selections from Sweetheart.
Selections from the Red Mill.
Victor Light Opera Co. 9148-9149.

5.45-6.12 p.m.

Gilbert and Sullivan Selections.
Patience.
The Gondoliers.
Pirates of Penzance.
The Band of H. M. Coldstream Guards. C1274, C1273, and C1308.

6.12-7.00 p.m. Variety.

Piano Solo-I Found You.
Piano Solo-Let Love Take Care of You.
Raie da Costa. B3937.
Humorous Song-That Must Have Been Our Waiter.
Humorous Song-River, Stay 'Way From my Door.
Gracie Fields. B3824.
Orchestral-La Violetera.
Orchestral-The Song of Songs.
De Groot and His Orchestra. B3808.
Humorous Duologue-Auto-Suggestion.
Humorous Duologue-Fish-Sauce.
Alexander and Mose. B3925.
Piano Solo-Reaching for the Moon.
Piano Solo-When the Circus Comes to Town.
Raie da Costa. B3909.
Orchestral-Tunes of Not-So-Long-Ago-1921 and 1922.
New Mayfair Orchestra. B3944.
Piano Solo-Viktoria and Her Hussar-Medley.
Raie da Costa. B3957.

7.00 p.m.

Stock Quotations, Mail Notice, etc.

7.05-7.31 p.m. Orchestral.

Islamey (Balakirew).
Hollywood Bowl Orchestra. 6870.
The Sleeping Beauty-Ballet Suite (Tschaikowsky).
Hollywood Bowl Orch. 6871-6872.

7.31-7.51 p.m. From the Studio.

Mrs. H. M. Broadbent will conclude her lecture on "Twenty Years in Burma."

7.51-8.00 p.m.

Programme of Victor and H. M. V. Records.

Pianoforte Solos.
Suggestion Diabolique, Op. 4, No. 4 (Prokofief).
Concerto in E Minor (Medtner).
Benno Moiseivitch. E530.
Sonata in A Major (Scarlatti).
Ecossaise (Beethoven).
Mischa Levitzki. E537.

8.00 p.m. Local Time and Weather Report.

8.03-11.30 p.m. Relay from Ko Shing Theatre.

10.30 p.m. (approx:). Rugby Mid-Day Press News.

11.30 p.m. Close Down.

All records in the above European programmes are kindly supplied by Messrs. S. Moutrie and Co.

MOTOR BOAT COX. FINED.

MAKING FAST TO STEAMER.

Kwok Kam-shing, the coxwain of the motor boat Kee Fat, was charged before the Hon. Comdr. Hole, at the Marine Court this morning, with having made his vessel fast to the s.s. Kaying whilst she was under way in the harbour on February 10.

The accused denied the charge, saying that he was following the ship.

Sergeant Michell said that about 7.50 a.m. on February 10 he saw the s.s. Kaying proceeding to a buoy. There were a large number of sampans and motor-boats around her. He noticed the defendant's motor-boat made fast to the ship by means of a boat-hook.

Defendant said he did not make fast to the steamer. He was only following it. A woman passenger in his boat could give evidence on his behalf.

Ho Lai-she, female passenger in defendant's boat, said at 9.30 a.m. she went out in defendant's boat to the Kaying as she had some relatives coming on board her from Shanghai. She could not board the vessel as it was under way, so she returned to Hongkong, and eventually went on board at 2 p.m. She was not in defendant's boat at 7.50 a.m.

Comdr. Hole found the defendant guilty, and, in view of previous convictions, inposed a fine of $25, or three weeks' imprisonment.

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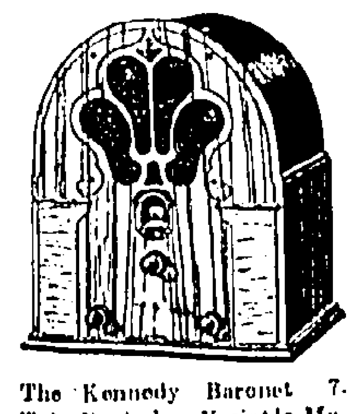

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TENNIS TOURNEY.

OPENING DAY'S PLAY DISAPPOINTS.

The men's singles tennis championship of the Colony opened yesterday at the Hongkong Cricket Club, when nine fixtures in the first round were decided, though the results were almost entirely in accordance with anticipations.

Generally speaking, the tennis was not worthy of the importance of the competition and in several instances the players fell back on to pat-ball tactics which rendered their games uninteresting and rather boring.

R. Chon, who was fancied to defeat Wong Fuk-nam, failed to do so because he was lured into abandoning most of his attacking strokes, engaging his opponent in a baseline duel, and proceeding to commit a sufficient number of blunders to give Wong the match after nearly two hours of unrelieved rallies.

G. W. Sewell gave a praiseworthy display against E. S. Howard to win in quick time, while P. R. S. Walsham revealed himself to be the possessor of quite a repertoire of strokes and a fast player on the court. His success was well deserved.

Results in detail:

Open Singles.
(First Round).

W. Wirth beat C. L. Chan 6-3, 5-7, 7-5.
H. Lo beat R. M. Wood 6-0, 6-4.
G. W. Sewell beat E. S. Howard 6-4, 6-2.
A. E. P. Guest beat D. S. Green 6-1, 6-3.
J. J. Waite beat D. Mohamed 6-2, 6-2.
P. R. S. Walsham beat Luk Chan-cheung 6-1, 4-6, 8-6.
F. H. Kwok beat C. C. Stark 6-3, 6-0.
Wong Fuk-nam beat R. Choa 6-2, 5-7, 7-5.
J. W. Leonard beat W. J. Howard, w.o.

To-day's Programme.

No. 1 Court:—J. J. Barrow v T. Hata.
No. 2:—G. W. A. Tufton v Leo Wai-tsoi.
No. 3:—F. Grose v F. C. Koh.
No. 4:—H. D. Rumjahn v D. D. McKay.
No. 5:—E. C. Fincher v K. H. Wong.
No. 6:—G. Lai v E. C. Holmes.
No. 9:—Tsui Wai-pui v S. A. Gray.

HONGKONG SHARE MARKET.

OFFICIAL SUMMARY BY STOCK EXCHANGE.

The opening session this morning was even quieter than yesterday's, and, generally speaking, operators would seem to be adopting a "wait and see" policy.

Sales.

Union Insurance $400.
Providents (Old) $5.
Ewo Cottons Tls 14½.
Telephones $23½.
Dairy Farms $30.
Constructions (Old) $5¼.

Buyers.

Chinese Estates $95.
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Amusements $18.25.
Constructions (Old) $5.15.
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Sellers.

Docks $29.

EXCHANGE RATES.

	Friday.	Yesterday.
Paris	87⅝	87.11/16
Geneva	17.65	17.11/16
Berlin	14.15/32	14.9/16
Oslo	18⅜	18⅜
Helsingfors	224	223½
Athens	270	270
Buenos Aires	39⅞	39½
Shanghai	1/10⅞	1/10.15/16
New York	3.44½	3.46
Amsterdam	8.52	8.54
Vienna	32	32
Madrid	43.11/16	44
Bucharest	575	575
Hongkong	1/5.5/16	1/5¼
Brussels	24.65	24¾
Milan	66.7/16	66⅝
Stockholm	17⅞	17¾
Copenhagen	18.3/16	18¼
Prague	116	117
Lisbon	109⅝	109¾
Rio	4.3/16	4.3/16
Bombay	1/6.5/32	1/6.5/32
Yokohama	2/0⅝	2/0½
Montevideo	31	31
Montreal	3.98	3.98
Silver (spot)	19½	19⅝
" (forward)	19⅝	19.13/16

—*British Wireless.*

ANGLO-AMERICAN DISCUSSION.

IN CLOSE TOUCH ON FAR EAST ISSUES.

Washington, Feb. 15.

It is noteworthy that the British Ambassador, Sir Ronald Lindsay, called at the State Department to-day and exchanged news of developments in the Far East with several officials.—*Reuter's American Service.*

A coppersmith at the Cosmopolitan Docks, Lai King-chih, was yesterday severely burnt about the face and arms when a jar containing sulphuric acid was accidentally broken and its contents spilled. The victim was taken to the Kwong Wah Hospital for treatment.

FASCISM AND ITALY

TOWARDS THE GUILD STATE.

The old year in Italy was marked by the extent to which economic problems have taken possession of Italians, from Government officials to private individuals of every category, to the exclusion of political international questions. In dealing with some of them Mussolini has been able to set going with a sure hand the workings of a Guild State. The Fascist revolution has replaced the Liberal political and social order of government by a different type of economic and productive organisation of society, in which the State enters the economic sphere with courage and enterprise. The Fascist State controls, but does not monopolise the economic activities of the country, to the detriment of individual enterprise. Mussolini claims to have avoided the defects of Socialism as well as those of Liberalism. His realism, shutting out any Utopian vision of abolition of private property, seeks, through the corporations, to abolish the "inconveniences" of the capitalist system. When he announced this winter that Fascism would "go decidedly towards the people," the disciplining and not the dethronement of the capitalist classes was in his mind.

In spite of gloomy prophecies, the lira exchange remained firm even after the fall in sterling. Italian finance these last months has been based on a balanced budget of payments, and guaranteed by the deflation of the currency accumulated reserves and by the readjustment of the prices of goods and of labour to the stabilised level of the lira. Italy has reaped some advantages of a poor country, deprived of having any recent recourse to foreign loans, and driven by the world crisis to rely on her own resources more than in former days. Resources being somewhat meagre, economic expansion has been curtailed, and many business enterprises, started during the postwar period of inflation, have been forced into liquidation; but it is the opinion of the Government that a more healthy economic condition is the result of automatic pruning.

The Council of Corporations.

Hope is expressed that fuller powers will be given soon to the National Council of Corporations which is presided over by Mussolini. This year-old Council, which crowns the entire Syndicalist organisation, exercises rights nearly equal to those of a real legislative assembly, and promises to develop into a parliament of a true Guild type representing the different categories in the country. Its chief concern this winter has been the discussion of commercial treaties and tariffs. Its members ask for a new tariff policy, but it is difficult for Italy to advance a fixed policy of her own in the present tangle of world economics. The principle of bilateral commercial treaties is adhered to, but some safeguards are necessary to gain a just balance. Italy has been rudely awakened to her losses by the way that Yugo-Slavia, in spite of a commercial treaty, has been free to dump cheap live stock in Italy to the serious detriment of the home market.

Another disappointment has been the commercial treaty with Russia, hailed with delight at the time by a large section of optimists. Trade with Russia shows a deficit much in Russia's favour, and there is real uneasiness as to eventual payment of Italian exports. Russia agreed to pay by instalments up to forty-two months' credit, the credits being covered by a Government guarantee to the extent of 75 per cent. of the total value of each order.

The New Year will entail sacrifices from both capitalists and workers. It is surprising how unprepared Italian manufacturers were for the anti-dumping measures. England had been for so many generations the paradise of manufacturers of Italian furnishing fabrics, woollen goods, furniture, early vegetables, and citric fruits, that they found it difficult to believe the British Government would take such drastic measures. Unless the Italian Government comes to some arrangement with England many manufactories must close altogether. Of negotiations there are no signs at present. The official reason given is that Great Britain has the right to put up its tariffs, and any form of protest just now would be useless. The industrialists say that there will be negotiations after the Ottawa conference, when Italy will ask for help in the shape of favoured nations clauses.

The Fascist Party.

The home policy of Mussolini this year is said to be one of fusion between Fascists who were first comers to his standard and later arrivals. He is going to try again to make the party one with the nation, and as this fusion will be very unpopular with many Fascists he intends to undertake the task himself. Achille Starace, the new secretary-general of the party, is said to be a disciplined follower of the Duce, who has had cause to complain recently of some Fascist officials harbouring ideas of their own. The fiery speeches of the out-going secretary against the Vatican, whether inspired or not, gained many members for the Catholic Action Association, and the present policy of both the Italian Government and of Pius XI. is a reasonable "give and take" attitude.

The settlement of the dispute over the activities of the Catholic Action in Italy this autumn was welcome to everyone. The association now depends directly on the bishop; its members must hold aloof from politics and the national flag is to be flown at their meetings. They must not aim at the constitution of professional associations and trade unions, but "co-operate in order that the syndicates set up by law shall still more activity further the principle of class-collaboration."

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Y.M.C.A. DEBATE.

MODERN YOUTH'S RESPONSIBILITIES.

What can probably be regarded as the most appropriate subject the Y.M.C.A. could discuss is to be debated by members of the Y.M.C.A. Literary and Debating Society to-morrow evening, when Mr. E. F. Selk will move "That Modern Youth is Fulfilling Its Responsibilities." The debate will take place in the new social hall, beginning at 9 p.m. sharp, and will be broadcast.

The leading speakers will be Mr. E. F. Selk, mover of the motion, Mr. A. R. Brown, seconder, with Mr. T. J. Price, leader of the opposition, and Mr. W. J. Keates as his chief supporter.

The responsibilities in all phases of life which are confronting the youth of to-day, and how, if at all, it is facing up to them, will be fully discussed, and as usual, members of the audience voice their opinion in open debate.

The chair will be taken by Mr. P. S. Cassidy, President of the Literary and Debating Society, and ladies are cordially invited to attend and take part in the debate.

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The Postmaster General, in the House of Commons, said work on the constructing of the new station for Empire Broadcasting was in hand, and the British Broadcasting Corporation hoped to provide a regular service from the station before the end of the year. The scheme was being financed out of the Corporation's revenue, and no question of Overseas contribution would be raised until the service was established.—*British Wireless.*

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CINEMA SCREENINGS.

NOTES SUPPLIED BY THE THEATRES.

It's a far jump from mechanical engineer to film comedian, but the transition was accomplished by Spencer Charters, stage and screen actor who has scored so heavily in the Pathe picture "Lonely Wives," directed by Russell Mack which is now on view at the Central Theatre.

More than thirty years ago Charters was studying mechanical engineering in Harrisburg, Pa. He hung around the stage doors of local stock companies so much at night that he was frequently late for classes in the morning. When, in self defence against his nightly visitor, the stage manager of one company offered him the choice of a job or taking himself away, Charters accepted the former. Since school interfered with matinees, a week later he blew a farewell kiss to the possibility of a M. E. degree and threw his lot with matters theapian.

After several years with repertoire and stock companies, Charters landed on Broadway where he occupied an outstanding position for a quarter of a century, until he went West to play the same role in "Whoopee," which he had created on the stage. Now the veteran actor has deserted the stage for screen work.

In "Lonely Wives" Charters is one of a notable cast headed by Edward Everett Horton and which includes Esther Ralston, Laura La Plante, Patsy Ruth Miller and Maude Eburne, another newcomer from Broadway.

"Waterloo Bridge."

"Waterloo Bridge," Universal's much-discussed picturization of the sensational Robert E. Sherwood drama of the same name, which will be the next attraction at the Central Theatre, with Hollywood's latest "find," Mae Clarke; Kent Douglass; Enid Bennett and Doris Lloyd in the principal roles.

Directed by James Whale, who filmed "Journey's End," and photographed by Arthur Edeson, the capable cinematographer of "All Quiet on the Western Front," the British-flavoured picture of air raids and the love of a London lady of the streets for a young Canadian private, is reported as one of the dramatic gems of the picture capital's current crop.

The Sherwood story depicts the ill luck of a pretty chorus girl who descends, as the War progresses, to a cheap artist's model and eventually to a solicitor. A boyish soldier literally runs into her during the course of an air raid, on London's well-known Waterloo Bridge, and eventually falls madly in love with her.

The ensuing situations in which the girl grows to love the boy and the intense scenes in which he takes her to visit his aristocratic parents are said to be the ultimate in drama.

Carl Laemmle, Jr. the youthful Universal production head, who has scored so soundly with "King of Jazz," "All Quiet on the Western Front," "Dracula" and "Seed," personally produced "Waterloo Bridge" Benn W. Levy and Tom Reed wrote the screen adaptation.

Frederic Kerr, well known British actor; Bette Davis; Ethel Griffies, George Arliss' talented leading lady of many successes; and Rita Carlisle appear with the sensational Miss Clarke, Douglass and the Misses Bennett and Lloyd in the picture's cast.

"Tons of Money."

Ralph Lynn, who for many years has been an enormous draw to comedy lovers of the theatre, has been, until recently, merely a famous name so far as the cinema-going public all over the country are concerned. His film debut in "Rookery Nook" immediately placed him on the list of film actors. Nothing so funny as his performance in this film had been seen on the screen for years. Ralph Lynn's next film was "Plunder," in which he scored a well-deserved success. In "Tons of Money," the film version of the famous Aldwych farce which is now showing at the King's Theatre, his performance is one long scream of laughter. He is a "silly ass" but a "silly ass" who gets your sympathy as well as your laughter. It was the stage version of "Tons of Money" that first brought him into prominence as a West end actor and his inimitable humour in the film version will rightly place him amongst the leading film actors. The story is too well known to repeat, but the comedy element has been broadened and gives both Ralph Lynn and Yvonne Arnaud (who also played in the stage version) every opportunity to excel in their own particular brand of humour.

"Always Goodbye."

Paul Cavanagh, daring adventurer in "Always Goodbye," Fox romantic drama, starring Elissa Landi, which will open next Wednesday at the King's Theatre, is a recent Hollywood import from the English and New York stage.

He was born in Chislehurst, Kent, England the son of a British army officer. After attending the Royal Grammer School at Newcastle, he enrolled at Cambridge University.

After graduation he went to Canada. There he worked on farms, and, in the woods—did any job that came along.

At one period he served for nine months with the Mounted Police, after which he began the practice of law for which he was educated. His most noteworthy achievement, while active as a barrister in Canada, was the revision of the statutes of Alberta.

Following the war, in which he served in the Canadian forces, he remained in England. The stage had always held a fascination for him. In 1924 he obtained his first role with a London company. Within five years he grew to be one of England's most popular leading men, and was featured in such stage productions as "Potiphar's Wife," in which he scored his first big success, "Lady May," "Her Past," and "Scotland Yard."

After the tremendous success of "Scotland Yard" as a stage play in London, it was brought to New York for an extended run. Here it was that Cavanagh gained his first American recognition as "Roger Fallon," the same characterization that Edmund Lowe brought to the screen with such success.

His first movie contract was signed in December, 1929, and his first picture was "Strictly Unconventional." Since then he has had featured roles in "Grumpy," "The Virtuous Sin," "Devil to Pay," "Unfaithful," "Born to Love" and "The Squaw Man."

A Fox contract came as the reward for splendid work in "Always Goodbye," in which Lewis Stone is also featured, and John Garrick and Lamsden have important roles. William Cameron Menzies and Kenneth MacKenna co-directed.

Crawford at Queen's Theatre."

To the millions of sport fans the name of the late Knute Rockne immediately brings to mind football. To the millions of air-minded citizens the name Lindbergh immediately brings to mind aeroplanes. So, to the millions of movie goers has the name Joan Crawford come to mean carefree youth, pep and beauty.

In "This Modern Age" Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer continental comedy coming on Thursday to the Queen's Theatre, Joan Crawford has the greatest opportunity to give vent to her boundless spirit that has ever been given to her. While in "Laughing Sinners" she portrayed a member of the gay younger generation, there was a decidedly serious note. In this latest picture Joan is her scintillating self from beginning to end.

The story is fundamentally one of pleasure-mad youth in Paris without a care in the world and with the wherewithal to carry on to the fullest extent. Pauline Frederick, playing the youthful mother of Joan, by her own happy-go-lucky mode of life furnishes the incentive to the younger people to go the limit of hilarity.

The supporting cast includes Neil Hamilton, who scored with Norma Shearer in "Strangers May Kiss;" Monroe Owsley, last seen opposite Gloria Swanson in "Indiscreet;" Hobart Bosworth, Emma Dunn, Albert Conti, Adrienne d'Ambricourt and Marcille Corday.

"Squaw Man."

Warner Baxter, borrowed from Fox to play the role of Jim Carston, in Cecil B. DeMille's new Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer picture, "The Squaw Man," which is now showing at the Queen's Theatre, has an interesting angle concerning his current talking picture part.

"When I was asked to play Jim Carston," he stated, "there was no hesitation on my part. There would not be on the part of any experienced actor.

"There are a few 'natural' parts in the drama of the world, and Jim Carston is one of them. By 'natural' roles I mean characterizations that are so strong and accurate emotionally that they become almost immortal. They can be played over and over again and lose none of their savor. They are parts into which an actor can throw himself without reservation.

"Other 'natural' parts which might be named, include 'Halmet' 'Ben Hur,' and 'Shylock.'

"Jim Carston belongs in this list because, like them, he has borne the test of time. It is nearly twenty-five years since, in Wallack's theatre, New York, William Faversham first created the role. And yet, to-day, Carston is the same magnetic, dramatic figure he was when Edwin Milton Royle, the author, first wrote him into "The Squaw Man."

"Jim Carston is beloved both by actors and the public because he has several situations, four in fact, which show him in elemental emotional situations which happen frequently in everyday life; namely, self-sacrifice to protect a woman he loves; second, protection by man, the stronger, of a woman, the weaker sex; third, the mating call; fourth, the call on both the white father and the Indian mother, of the twin instincts of mother and father love.

"Jim Carston is at one and the same time both a heroic and an eminently believable figure. He holds you interested at every phase of his movements through the tense story, and that after all, is the main goal of every actor. I am delighted to have the opportunity of following in the part of Carston such famous stars as Faversham, Louis Waller, Herbert Sleath, Dustin Farnum and Elliott Dexter."

"The Squaw Man" is one of the most famous plays the American stage has known. It has been played in a hundred countries in twenty-six languages. It has been shown more times than any other American play, save possibly "Uncle Tom's Cabin" and "Ben Hur." The various adventures of Jim in English castles, and the Arizona desert, have been adapted to the talking screen by Lenore J. Coffee and Lucien Hubbard, with dialogue by Elsie Janis.

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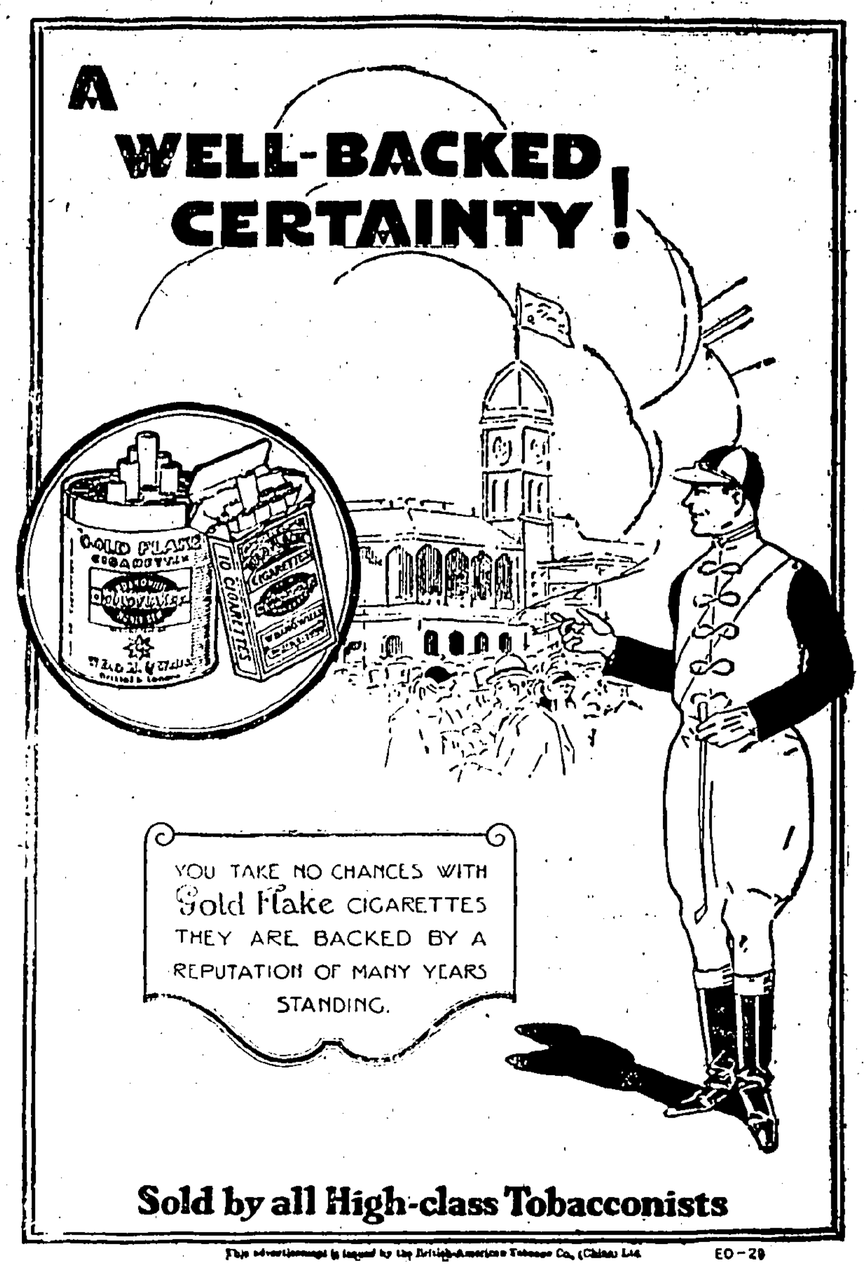

SHARE PRICES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

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East Asia, $127½ n.

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Canton Ins., $1,350 n.
Union Ins., 400 sa.
China Underwriters, $4.62½ n.
China Fires, $590 n.
H.K. Fire In., $1,250 n.

Shipping.
Douglases, $26½ n.
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Union Waterboats, $25 n.

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Raubs, $39 s.

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Kowloon Wharves, $156 n.
Whampoa Docks, $29 s.
South China Motors $10 n.
Providents (old), $5 sa.
Hongkews, Tls. 220 n.
New Engineers Tls. 6½ n.
Shanghai Docks, Tls. 90½ n.

Cottons.
Ewo Cottons Tls. 14½ sa.
Shanghai Cottons, Tls. 80½ n.
Zoon Sings Tls. 11½ n.

Lands, Hotels, etc.
H.K. Hotels (old) $14.10 n.
H.K. S. Hotels (new) $13.60 n.
H.K. Lands, $78¼ n.
S'hai Lands, Tls. 30 s.
Humphreys' (old) $19½ n.
Realties, $11.65 n.

Public Utilities.
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Peak Trams, (old), $15.60 n.
Star Ferries, $94 n.
China Lights, $21.60 n.
H.K. Electries, $76½ n.
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China Buses, Tls. 16 n.
Singapore Tractions, 3/- n.

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Stores, etc.
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Watsons, $16.50 n.
Def A. Wings. $1 n.
Lane Crawfords, $6 n.
Mackintosh, $19 b.
Sinceres $16 n.
Powells, $8.60 n.

Miscellaneous.
Amusements, $18¼ b.
Entertainments (old) $16¼ n.
Constructions (old), $5.10 n.
S. C. Enterprises $10 n.
Constructions (new), $1.80 b.
B. Ind. G. $ Bonds, $58% n.
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ANTIQUE EXPERT'S SUICIDE.

DIVE FROM HOTEL WINDOW.

New York, Jan. 15.

A tour of New York night clubs ended in the death of James E. D. Catillaz, a wealthy antique art expert, who had appraised some leading United States collections.

Standing with his fiancee in an Hotel Shelton apartment with a friend, Harry R. Balfe, a broker, he asked for a drink, and Balfe replied that he had not a drop of liquor.

Catillaz replied, "Well, here goes a dive," turned, and before his fiancee, Miss Irma Hunter, was able to interfere, plunged out of the window of the 20th floor suite.

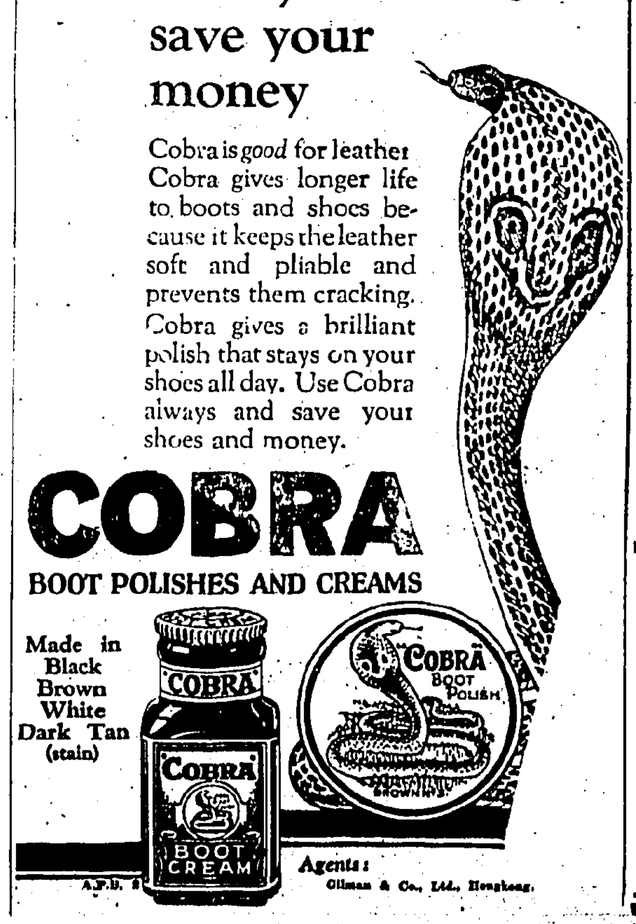
His body struck an adjoining three-storey building, death being instantaneous.

INDIAN AFFAIR.

HEAVY SENTENCE FOR A GIRL STUDENT.

Calcutta, Feb. 15.

A girl student, Bima Das, has been sentenced to nine years' rigorous imprisonment for her attempt to assassinate Sir Stanley Jackson on February 6.—*Reuter.*



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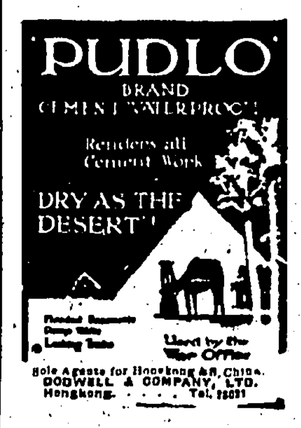

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HONGKONG C.C. TEAMS FOR SATURDAY.

The Hongkong C.C. teams are to meet the Indian R.C. seniors and juniors in league matches on Saturday, the First Division match being played at Sookumpoo and the Second in town.

For the game at Sookumpoo the Hongkong C.C. will be represented by the following players: H. Owen Hughes (Capt.), H. J. Armstrong, A. C. Beck, E. R. Duckitt, R. P. Edwards, H. L. F. Ewin, O. E. C. Marton, G. E. Mirehouse, E. J. R. Mitchell, J. R. Ratten and A. Reid.

I.R.C. 1st XI.

The following will represent the Indian Recreation Club 1st. XI in a League match against the Hongkong Cricket Club on the I. R. C. ground on Saturday, February 20.—A. A. Rumjahn (Capt.), F. D. Pereira, S. R. Kermani, A. H. Rumjahn, A. H. Madar, A. R. Minu, A. K. Minu, S. A. Ismail, O. Ismail, H. D. Rumjahn and F. M. el Arculli.

Junior Match.

The junior team of the Hongkong C.C. will be composed of the following: R. S. W. Patterson (Capt.), R. R. Davies, J. B. Davis, G. E. R. Divett, F. A. M. Elliott, C. E. Gahagan, L. D. Kilbee, P. W. J. Planner, L. B. Smith, J. M. Sunley and L. A. Whipps.

University v. Craigengower.

The Craigengower C.C. were to have played their final League match of the season against the University at Sookumpoo on Saturday but the game has since been postponed.

EASY VICTORY.

AUSTRALIA WINS BY AN INNINGS.

Melbourne, Feb. 15.

Australia won the fifth Test match resumed to-day, following no play on Saturday owing to rain—by an innings and 72 runs, the South Africans closing their second innings for 46 runs. Their first innings was a record low score, and the whole match has been unique.

South Africa, 1st Innings ..	36
Australia, 1st. Innings	153
South Africa—2nd. Innings.	
J. A. J. Christy, c and b Nash..	0
S. H. Curnow, c Fingleton, b Ironmonger	16
A. J. Bell, c McCabe, b O'Reilly	6
B. Mitchell, c Oldfield, b Ironmonger	4
H. B. Cameron, c McCabe, b O'Reilly	0
D. P. B. Markel, c Rigg, b Ironmonger	0
H. W. Taylor, c Bradman, b Ironmonger	2
K. C. Viljoen, c Oldfield, b O'Reilly.	0
Q. McMillan, c Oldfield, b Ironmonger	0
C. L. Vincent, not out	8
N. A. Quinn, c Fingleton, b Ironmonger	5
Extras	4
Total	46

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Nash	7	4	4	1
Ironmonger	15	7	18	6
O'Reilly	9	5	10	3

—*Reuter.*

HOME FOOTBALL.

DRAW FOR SIXTH ROUND OF F.A. CUP.

London, Feb. 15.

The draw for the sixth round of the F. A. Cup, to be played on February 27, is:

Liverpool v. Sheffield Wednesday or Chelsea.
Bury v. Manchester City.
Huddersfield v. Arsenal.
Newcastle v. Watford.

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NEW RIFLE CLUB.

INAUGURATION MEETING YESTERDAY.

The inaugural meeting of the Hongkong Rifle Club was held in the Board Room of Messrs. Jardine Matheson & Co. Ltd., last evening when the Constitution, Rules and Bye-Laws were adopted and the officers for the year elected.

Mr. R. M. Dyer presided and, in detailing the work that had been done since the previous meeting, said:

For many years past there have existed in Hongkong a number of small rifle clubs of a semi-private nature.

Towards the end of 1930 a number of members connected with the Rifle League felt that what was really needed was a Hongkong Rifle Club, and as a result of their efforts, a meeting was held in this room (Jardine's Board Room) on January 17, 1931, to discuss the formation of such a Club.

At this meeting it was decided to go ahead and a Committee was appointed to deal with the construction of a rifle range and draw up the Rules and Bye-laws.

During the past 12 months the Committee have fulfilled their task. Many difficulties have been met, but these have been largely overcome and the retiring Committee wish to be placed on record the great help and assistance they have received from the Government in many matters connected with the formation of the Club.

The Government granted the site for the range and provided the funds for building it. They granted assistance in the survey of the ground and the laying out of the firing points. His Excellency has kindly consented to become the Patron of the Club.

Difficulties Overcome.

One of the greatest difficulties that the Committee has had to contend with was that of the supply of ammunition. The cost of 0.303 ammunition purchased locally has ranged from $16 to $20 per 100 rounds. The Committee realised that such a cost was prohibitive and that unless something could be done about it, the formation of the Club might as well be abandoned. It was found that men connected with the Services, the Volunteers and the Police were in position to obtain ammunition at somewhat privileged rates and on the matter being submitted to Government, the latter after consideration expressed their willingness to give the Club a small grant towards the cost of ammunition to those to whom the privileged rates did not apply. This grant has made the formation of the Club a possibility. One of the causes of the delay in the formation of the Club has been that the Committee did not feel free to go ahead and spend Government funds on the building of the range until they could see their way to a proper solution of the ammunition difficulty.

The Committee has now done its work, the range is built and the Rules and Bye-laws drawn up. A draft of these is in your hands and the adoption of these will be considered in a few minutes.

One matter which should be made clear is the terms of membership. The membership of the Club is not open to all, the Government in granting the Club financial assistance has laid down precisely those to whom membership of the Club is open. These are:

Members of the Services.
Ex-service men.
Volunteers.
Ex-volunteers who have attained efficiency here or in some other part of the Empire.
Members of the Police Force.
Police Reservists.
Ex-Reservists who have received the Police Reserve Silver Badge.
Ladies.

The Government has laid down that the membership of the Club shall not be open to those who while being eligible to join the Volunteers or Police Reserve do not belong to either organisation.

The Club if formed will commence to function as soon as the new Committee gets to work. The Annual Subscription suggested is Five Dollars. Members will be divided into Classes according to their shooting ability and Competitions will be held monthly for the men in each Class. An Annual Rifle Meeting will also be held. It is hoped that facilities for revolver shooting will be provided later on, on the Range.

Rifle League.

It has been suggested that the running of the Rifle League might well be in the hands of the Rifle Club and it is suggested that in addition to a General Secretary, a Rifle League Secretary and a Competitions Secretary be appointed, the former to attend to all matters connected with the Rifle League and the latter to deal with the arrangements for the monthly competitions.

I therefore have much pleasure in proposing that the Hongkong Rifle Club be formed.

The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

After some discussion on the question of the annual subscription it was decided that members be asked to pay $10 per year or $1 per month.

The officers for the ensuing year were then elected as follows: President, Mr. R. M. Dyer; Chairman, Mr. B. Wylie; General Secretary, Mr. A. H. Stedman; League Secretary, Mr. R. S. Starling; Competition Secretary, Mr. J. L. Tetley; Hon. Treasurer Mr. Ratty; General Committee, Messrs. G. Duncan, E. R. Dovey and a representative from the Services.

Before the meeting concluded the chairman expressed a vote of thanks to all those who had assisted in the formation of the Club. He also proposed a vote of thanks to Messrs. Jardine Matheson & Co. Ltd., for the use of the room.

MAMAK HOCKEY.

RADIO SPORTS TO PLAY POLICE.

The Radio Sports Club are due to play the Police in the Mamak Hockey Competition on Thursday at 5 p.m. on the Marina ground. The following have been selected to play for the Radio team: A. Spary; Parduman Singh, J. S. Grewal; M. H. Hassan, Atma Singh, Mohinder Singh; Harbhajan Singh, A. E. P. Guest, Gurbachan Singh, Kalwant Singh and F. A. Kemp. Reserves:—J. T. K. Gilchrist and Surjin Singh.

Match Postponed.

The match fixed for yesterday between the Radio Sports Club and the Central British Association has been postponed, pending, it is understood, the result of an appeal lodged by the C.B.A. against the decision of their former match with the Radio team, who won by the only goal scored.

Club v. Jats.

On the U.S.R.C. ground to-morrow afternoon at 5 p.m. the Hongkong Hockey Club first eleven will play the Jat Regiment, the civilians being represented by the following players: G. Duncan; J. Rodger, W. Woodward; W. A. Reed, A. A. Dand, E. V. Reed; H. Owen-Hughes, G. E. R. Divett, C. C. Francis, D. B. Evans, J. L. Tetley.

LOCAL YACHTING.

THE NINTH LADIES' CHAMPIONSHIP.

The R.H.K. Yacht Club races for the ninth Ladies' Championship were sailed yesterday, the course being Channel Rocks (P), Kowloon Rock (P), Cust Rock Mark (P), Channel Rocks (S), a distance of 7.3 miles. The results were as follow:

"H" Class.

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Diana	(2)	45	Mrs. Bingham
Dorothea	(3)	45	Miss Blake

"X" "Y" and "G" Class.

Daphne	(2)	111	Miss Stokes
Atlas	(5)	114	Mrs. Lambert
Why Wonder?	(7)	73	Mrs. Fowkes
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SCARRED BY NITRIC ACID.

REMARKABLE INCIDENT DESCRIBED.

Allegations that he had thrown corrosive fluid over a Chinese causing grievous bodily harm were made against Tsui Pun when he appeared before Mr. Justice Lindsell at the Criminal Sessions yesterday afternoon.

Accused was charged with throwing the acid at Wong Min-tong in October last. He pleaded not guilty to the charge. He was not legally represented.

Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith prosecuted and the jury was composed of Messrs. A. W. Smith (foreman), P.W. Osbourne, W.R. Wilkinson, C. H. Basto, F.W. James, J. H. de Figueiredo and G.W. Fato.

In opening the case, Mr. Whyte-Smith said the victim was an assistant stall-holder at a stall near the junction of Tsin Wan Street and Hollywood Road. It would be shown that at 11 p.m. on October 29, the victim went to sleep near an adjacent stall and was awakened at 3.30 a.m. by someone who pulled the quilt from over his face. He looked up and saw the accused, whom he had known for some time. The accused then poured some fluid on his face, causing great pain. The victim shouted out "Save life" and accused ran away.

Important Discovery

One important piece of evidence would be that two bottles were later discovered, said Mr. Whyte-Smith. One on the top of the stall, which, on being sent to the analyst was found to contain corrosive acid and another, found in defendant's room, which was of similar design with the same label, but containing ordinary medicine. Both bottles had the same labels, showing they were from a Wing On and Co., but not from Messrs. Wing On Company, of Des Voeux Road Central. The bottles obviously came from a Chinese store in Canton.

Evidence would also be given to show that at 6 p.m. on October 29, the accused purchased nitric acid from a druggist in the bottle found on the stall.

A Quarrel.

The motive suggested was that the victim and defendant had known one another for some time and had had a quarrel over a loan. The accused admitted the quarrel, but denied throwing the fluid over the victim.

Mr. E. R. Dovey, public analyst, gave evidence concerning the bottle found on top of the stall containing corrosive acid of 83.2 per cent. strength. In reply to His Lordship, he said that nitric acid was easily procurable in Hongkong, as it was used extensively for trade purposes. One ounce of the fluid would be sufficient to cause the injuries inflicted on the victim.

After further evidence for the prosecution had been given, the proceedings were adjourned until this morning.

ROOM FOR HOPE.

SIR JOHN SIMON ON DISARMAMENT.

London, Feb. 15.

"There are many difficulties to overcome, but the Disarmament Conference has made a good start," Sir John Simon told Reuter upon his arrival at Victoria from Paris to-night.

Sir John said that he thought the Conference would begin its detailed work within a fortnight. He added that the indications were that everybody meant business, but it would be foolish to imagine that the difficulties in the way of reaching effective results were not great.

Regarding Reparations, Sir John Simon expressed considerable satisfaction that the Lausanne Conference should start with a programme which is expressed in agreed terms. *Reuter's Special Service.*

Conference Resumed.

London, Feb. 15.

When the Disarmament Conference resumed at Geneva this morning, the delegates of Turkey, Portugal and Norway were the first speakers.

Tewfik Rushid Bey supported the abolition of military aeroplanes and the internationalisation of civil aviation, and gave general support to the Italian disarmament plan.

Senhor Branco (Portugal) favoured compulsory arbitration and suppression of all offensive armaments, and argued that the economic crisis was in direct relation with the colossal expenditure on war budgets.

Hr. Colban (Norway) spoke of the necessity of a reduction of all armaments, abolition of all offensive arms, and protection of the civilian population. He would discuss with interest any scheme for the organisation of an international force. *British Wireless.*

Optimism Prevails.

London, Feb. 15.

It is long since City correspondents were so optimistic as to-day, reviewing prospects in the light of international developments. The American Federal Reserve Bank scheme encourages the belief that gold will tend to return to a normal position, and it is also possible that there will be an improvement in world prices.

The Anglo-French reparations conference agreement is highly praised, with general endorsement of M. Laval's words, when interviewed in Paris, "We at least have entered the right road. There will be no more blundering up and down blind turnings."

Political correspondents promise a shilling reduction in income tax in the next budget.

The *Times* is of opinion that the only hindrance to the export trade is the scarcity of sterling holdings in non-gold countries, which has caused many to restrict payments abroad. Prohibition of sterling export must reduce the capacity of foreign countries to pay sterling debts or purchase British goods. *Reuter.*

FIVE YEARS HARD LABOUR.

CHINESE YOUTH SENTENCED ON SERIOUS CHARGE.

Five years hard labour was the sentence imposed upon Li Mun, a Chinese convicted yesterday at the Criminal Sessions of carnal knowledge of Tam Mei-yuk, a little girl aged eight years, at Mongkoktsui, on October 16, 1931.

The accused was originally charged with rape, but this indictment was altered when the Chief Justice (Sir Joseph Kemp) in his summing up showed that a child aged eight was not old enough to appreciate the action and could therefore neither give consent nor withhold it.

Accused's Defence.

In giving evidence on his own behalf, accused denied the allegations made against him and contended that the child had been taught to state them. He suggested that the amah might have taught her as he and she had quarrelled over a slight matter. He also denied that he had made any confession to the child's mother, and pointed out that if he had, why had she not caused his arrest immediately? He also pleaded that he had not run away which proved that he was not guilty.

After a short deliberation, the jury returned a verdict of guilty of carnal knowledge, and His Lordship imposed the sentence as stated. Sir Joseph added that he had passed a lenient sentence for two reasons: because of accused's youth and because the offence had not been sufficient to inflict injury to the child.

CANTON CHAIRMAN.

APPOINTMENT OF MR. LIN YUN-KOY.

Canton, Feb. 15.

On the resignation of Mr. C. C. Wu from the post of Chairman of the Kwangtung Provincial Government, Mr. Lin Yun-koy, the former Chairman and for some years Mayor of Canton, has been elected.

Mr. Lin Yun-koy has signified his willingness to accept. He is a follower of General Chan Chai-tong.

No Radical Changes.

Canton, Feb. 15.

The newly appointed chairman of the Kwangtung Provincial Government, Mr. Lin Yun-koy, will assume his duties to-morrow.

It is not expected that there will be any radical changes in the portfolios in the Provincial departments, as many of the officials served under Mr. Lin Yun-koy, as former Chairman of the Provincial Government and one-time Mayor of Canton.—*Reuter.*

CITY HALL CLOSING.

INTERESTING COMMENTS BY CHURCH JOURNAL.

Speaking of the sudden decision to close the City Hall, the current issue of *St. John's Review* remarks:

It is the Amateur Dramatic Club and the Philharmonic Society who will feel the loss most but it may prove a blessing in disguise, for the Theatre Royal left a good deal to be desired. Whatever plans may be in mind for the rebuilding of the City Hall we hope that there will be in it a Theatre worthy of the Colony, for in spite of the popularity of the Talkies we are convinced that they will never be able to "get across" in the way that the living, tangible person can. Philips Brooks called preaching "Truth through personality" and it may be said of the highest form of dramatic art that it inspires and gives its message "through personality."

One other point. In England the City Hall or Town or Guild Hall is not only a landmark but the centre of the reawakening civic consciousness, the symbol of the City's life. It is a public possession and a public pride. Money and skill are lavished on it to make the building worthy of its purpose. We hope that it may be so here. We should like to see the distinction of being the Architect of the new City Hall thrown open to competition. Plans could be submitted from all parts of the Empire and some high authority invited to be judge. Our own local architects would be encouraged to submit plans and the selection would be made by merit alone. This has been done at home with notable results, as, for instance, in the case of Liverpool Cathedral where the winner was only 21 years of age.

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The Golden Text was.—"The Lord is good unto them that wait for him, to the soul that seeketh him. It is good that a man should both hope and quietly wait for the salvation of the Lord." (Lamentations 3; 25, 26.)

Among the citations which comprised the Lesson-Sermon was the following from the Bible.—"O bless our God, ye people, and make the voice of his praise to be heard: which holdeth our soul in life, and suffereth not our feet to be moved." (Ps. 66; 8,9.)

The Lesson-Sermon also included the following passage from the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health, with Key to the Scriptures," by Mary Baker Eddy.—"So long as we believe that soul can sin or that immortal Soul is in mortal body, we can never understand the Science of being. When humanity does understand this Science, it will become the law of Life to man,—even the higher law of Soul, which prevails over material sense through harmony and immortality." (P. 311.)

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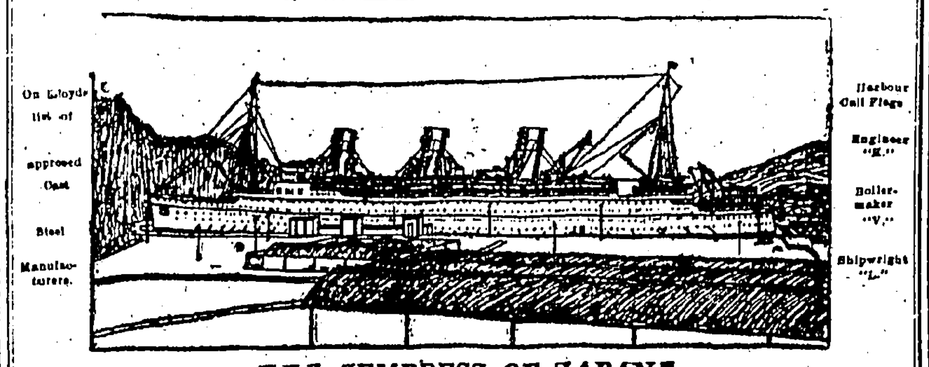

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POOR FISH.

RESTRICTION OF IMPORTS.

NEW FOOD TAX, IN OTHER WORDS.

London, Feb. 15.

Exceptional interest was displayed in the House of Commons, during the debate on the Imports Duties Bill, which, with the proposals for dealing with agriculture outlined last week, constitutes the main part of the Government's scheme for meeting the national emergency.

Major Elliot, Financial Secretary, moving the second reading, said the Government sought by this measure to correct the balance of payments, to check the depreciation of the pound, to secure the freedom of trade by offering advantages to other countries in return for advantages they might give to Britain, to have an instrument to meet discrimination against Britain, to encourage the British people to secure a reasonable share of their markets, and to fortify the finances of the country by a not unduly high, but widely spread revenue duty.

Fish Duty.

The proposals in the report of the sub-committee of Civil Research, appointed to investigate the fishing industry, include a recommendation that the question of imposing restrictions on the importation of white fish, of which some three million pounds' worth are imported annually, should be considered by the Government in connexion with any steps taken to improve the balance of trade. *British Wireless.*

BIG SOVIET OIL PROJECT.

305-MILE PIPELINE COMPLETED.

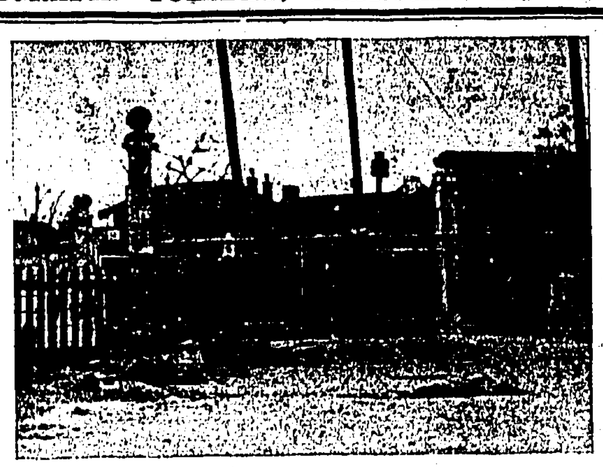
(Reuter's Special Service).

Moscow, Feb. 15.

It is announced that the three hundred and five miles long pipeline, which is to be employed for the purpose of pumping kerosene from Armvir to the Ukraine, has been completed.

The pipeline cost more than two million pounds sterling to construct. The work was carried out with remarkable expedition, being completed in ten months.

Shortly after 11 o'clock last night, a Chinese passenger jumped from the launch Man Cheung, while the ferry was crossing the harbour. He was rescued and taken ashore to the Government Civil Hospital.



Our photo shows a railway crossing near the North Station, scene of the heaviest fighting. A Japanese marine is going to the assistance of a fallen comrade, apprehensive of fire from Chinese along the road going off from the left.

FERRY LIFE-BELT EQUIPMENT.

CHARGE DISMISSED TO-DAY.

Charged with failing to carry the required number of life-belts on the steam launch Man Kuen, on February 10, the coxswain, Chan Hing, was produced before the Hon. Comdr. Hole, at the Marine Court this morning.

Mr. F. H. Loseby appeared for the defence, while Sergeant J. Feely prosecuted.

The Sergeant stated that about 4 p.m. on February 10 he boarded the Man Kuen, which was on her way in Kowloon Bay. He asked the defendant for his certificate of survey. The defendant produced it. Witness saw that the vessel should have had 75 life-belts, but he could count only 51 on board.

In reply to Mr. Loseby, witness said when he boarded the ferry he counted the life-belts, and examined the safety valves. He noticed some rafts on board, but did not count them. He counted 24 life-buoys. He had heard that a life-buoy was considered equivalent to two life-belts.

Comdr. Hole:—But I have not. I must have that point proved to the hilt, before I can accept it.

Mr. Loseby said he admitted all the facts as set out by the prosecution, but he submitted that the vessel carried a proportionate number of life-saving appliances. He said that there were 51 life-belts, 24 life-buoys and two rafts, which made 77 appliances in all. His clients had complied with the advice obtained from the Harbour Master regarding the life-saving appliances on their vessel.

Comdr. Hole agreed with Mr. Loseby on the point raised with regard to the regulations, and accordingly dismissed the case, but requested that the matter be referred to the Harbour Master.

OPIUM CHARGE NOT PROVED.

LACK OF EVIDENCE TO CONVICT.

The case in which members of the crew of the O.S.K. launch Tomijima Maru, who were charged with unlawful possession of 1,462 taels of non-Government prepared opium, was continued at the Kowloon Magistracy before Mr. Fraser this morning.

It was stated that he understood the coxswain of the launch had absconded. The defendants were the only people on board when he made the search. The fourth defendant was the chief engineer.

Mr. Horace Lo appeared on behalf of all defendants.

R. O. Humphreys, giving evidence, said he boarded the launch at about 2.30 p.m. on Sunday. The launch was tied up to the Praya wall between Queen's Pier and the Star Ferry Wharf. In the fore part, hidden in a cavity behind a mirror, which was screwed to the cabin wall, he found some flour bags and sacks containing brass tins, which, he discovered, held opium. The contraband was hidden in a cavity through which the anchor chain passed, and in his opinion, the chain could not be moved without interfering with the opium.

Mr. Lo submitted that the opium was discovered in a palace to which every member of the crew had access. On this evidence, it was impossible to say that any one of the defendants was guilty of having put the opium there; certainly not the engineer, who would not normally go to that part of the launch. Mr. Lo pointed out that if the authorities found opium in the street, they could not arrest every man in the street on a charge of unlawful possession.

His Worship agreed that there was no case for the defendants to answer and accordingly ordered the defendants to be dismissed and the opium to be confiscated.

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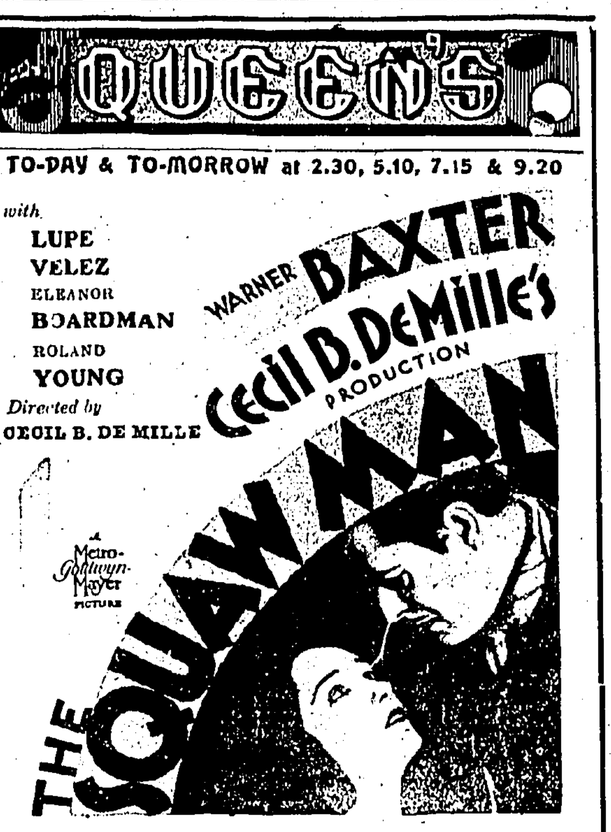

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